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SUSAN HALE

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RESPONDENT'S ARGUMENT

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CalPERS Board Unit

To The Honorable Cheree Swedensky

My Name is Susan Tanore Hale. I was employed by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a Field Technician in the Santa Maria Office for 23 years.

As a result of my service to the state, in September of 2001, I was diagnosed with carpel tunnel syndrome mainly in the right arm & hand and later in the left arm & hand. Surgery was required to correct the conditions.

Surgery was performed on the right hand in August of two thousand and three by Dr. Michael Berman. Dr. Berman is noted to be one of the finest hand and extremities surgeons on the west coast.

The condition was not improved and since that time of August of 2003 I have had combined total of 8 surgeries to both the right and left hands & elbows trying to correct the condition.

As a result, I have limited use of my right hand and am extremely limited in the use of my left hand. To control the pain, I started out with Advil, moved on to Vicodin and am now using morphine. This is all due to my contitin as a result of employment.

At the time of my retirement, I applied for Medical Retirement. Upon talking to a Cal Pers representative, was told to file for regular retirement due to the fact that Medical Retirement took longer and with filing for Regular Retirement, I would start recieving checks sooner and to file later to recieve Medical Retirement. which I have done. The Cal Pers representative I believe was Carol Landry.

I have gone through the Adminstrative hearing with the Adminstrative Law Judge and the Cal Pers Attorney it was informed I could appeal the decision which I am formally doing at this point.

I find it extremely disappointing

that the very union which I belonged to for 23 years and was a shop steward for the Santa Maria office, and is supposedly for the employees, is the very body that has chosen to oppose what is rightly due to myself for the condition I find myself in. through no fault of my own

Respectfully
Susan Hall