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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Wise:  
Attorney General McLeod has referred your letter of May 13 to me for reply.

The Retirement System itself receives no federal funds. Our Office has no information as to possible federal funding or grants for the Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Center. If there were such a grant, the funding agency may or may not have provided funds for the payment of retirement benefits and may have established rules for return or credit of retirement contributions. However, these requirements, if they exist, are not binding on the South Carolina Retirement System, but on the agency which administered the funds. There is no provision for refund of employer contributions to the Retirement System, either for employers who cease to participate in the system or for participating employers who have contributed for employees who later withdraw from the system. These funds are retained in the system and used to meet its obligations. The Franklin C. Fetter employees, in addition, are eligible to leave their contributions in the Retirement System and to receive later benefits if they meet other conditions of eligibility, thus eliminating any need for return of employer contributions from whatever source.

Sincerely,

A. Camden Lewis  
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