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Dear Board of Trustees,

I have been an employee within the CETA and JTPA grants for almost 24 years, and was made a permanent employee in April 1993 and was retro back to my start date.(March 17,1975) The staff of the JTPA Program of Salem County has tried once or twice to become members of PERS and have been told we are not permitted, we are not eligible. However, what I do not understand, if this is the case, why are DOL-JTPA staff members of PERS. Also Gloucester and Hudson County's JTPA staff are also members of PERS. I would like someone to answer why some JTPA staff are members and others are not!

I have attached some correspondence from the past to indicate the frustrations that the Salem County JTPA staff has been dealing with and at this time wish to have some answers!

I will be anxiously waiting for your reply.

Yours truly,

Joan M. Cole