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Dear Friends,

In writing to Legislators or calling on them to urge passage of S.1138, calling for divestment of State pension funds from South Africa, please keep the following in mind:

1. Make sure you have the right Representative or Senator for your area. If you have questions about who your elected Representative is, call the League of Women Voters of Mass. (Voter Information phone is 357-8380) or your local office of the League.

2. Remember that the bill calls for divestment of public employees' pension funds from stocks or bonds in companies and banks that do business in South Africa. It goes beyond the measure taken last year prohibiting new investments in such companies or banks. Furthermore, S.1138 calls for the money that becomes available from such divestment to be re-invested in ways that helps employ or otherwise benefits Massachusetts residents, so long as the investment is sound.

3. Mention that many public school teachers and state employees have testified that they do not want their money invested in ways that support the apartheid regime in South Africa. The money which goes to support racism in South Africa could instead be invested in Massachusetts to provide jobs and mortgages — as one of the sponsors said, "Make it in Massachusetts, not it South Africa!"

Also mention that it is particularly important at this time, when South Africa is increasingly striking out at its neighboring African countries, with the tacit support of the Reagan Administration in Washington, that we express our opposition to apartheid. What we do in Massachusetts does have an effect, even a psychological one, in South Africa.

4. Try to get the Legislator to commit himself or herself in writing, and send a copy to us at the above address.

At this point, the following Senators or Representatives need special attention:

- Rep. Thomas McGee, Speaker of the House - Rm. 356, 727-2500
- Sen. William Bulger, Senate President - Rm. 330, 727-2525
- Sen. Chet Atkins, Chair, Ways & Means Com. - Rm. 312, 727-2481
- Rep. Michael Creedon, Chair, - Rm. 247, 727-2380

(All correspondence can be sent to State House, Boston, MA 02133.)

Mail correspondence c/o Mobilization for Survival at above address.