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**Union lawsuit to stop state employee furloughs withdrawn**

**FRANKFORT, KY (October 29, 2010)** –Today the American Federation of County State & Municipal Employees Union (AFSCME) Council 62 announced they have withdrawn the lawsuit filed against the Commonwealth challenging the furloughs of Executive Branch employees.

“We are pleased AFSCME has chosen to remove this conversation from the courtroom as we remain committed to further discussions,” said Personnel Cabinet Secretary Nikki Jackson. “We have and will continue to rely on the guidance from state agencies, employees and members of the Governor’s Employee Advisory Council throughout the furlough implementation process.”

The Governor’s Employee Advisory Council (GEAC) was re-established by Executive Order in June 2008, by Gov. Steve Beshear. GEAC offers state employees an opportunity, through elected labor union representation, to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor concerning state employee and employer relations. Currently, the administration is working with the GEAC members to establish and maintain unit agreements with the Council’s five employee organizations who represent nine categories of classified employees.

“We are moving forward with a renewed commitment to address furloughs and other issues important to state employees through the GEAC,” said David Warrick executive director of AFSCME Council 62. “Together we have the opportunity to promote fairness in the workplace and excellence in public service.”

The Executive Branch furlough plan was authorized by the 2010-12 biennial budget passed by the General Assembly. To date, Executive Branch employees have furloughed two of the six days planned for the 2011 Fiscal Year.

For additional information about the GEAC or Executive Branch furlough plan, visit:  
<http://personnel.ky.gov>.

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