



TO: US JOINT COUNCIL AND LOCAL UNION PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND POLITICAL COORDINATORS

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DEPARTMENT OF FIELD AND POLITICAL ACTION

DATE: MARCH 23, 2010

RE: SAVE JOBS, PROTECT PENSIONS:
RECESS ACTIVITIES

Members of Congress will be in their home districts for a two week Congressional recess that is taking place March 29th through April 9th. During this time, we encourage you to reach out to your Members of Congress regarding the importance of passing pension relief legislation. Multi-employer pension plans are essential for the retirement security of millions of union working families, and relief for these plans is needed immediately to retain tens of thousands of jobs. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has been lobbying Members of Congress and working with a broad-based coalition in Washington, D.C., for the last year to raise the importance of this issue and to seek relief through federal legislation.

Legislation that would provide relief to our nation's defined benefit pension plans was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Monday, March 22nd, by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA). This legislation could mean the strengthening of the current funding status of multi-employer plans and the protection of pensions for hundreds of thousands of current and future retirees. **Please reach out to your Senators who are members of the Senate Finance Committee or the Senate HELP Committee to ask that they support this important legislation. A list of Senators on these committees is attached.**

Similar legislation, the Preserve Benefits and Jobs Act, was introduced in the U.S. House by Representatives Earl Pomeroy (D-At-Large ND) and Patrick Tiberi (R-12th OH) late last year. **Please reach out to your Representative over the upcoming recess to voice our support of pension relief legislation. The Preserve Benefits and Jobs Act is a good start.**

In an effort to keep track of the number of Teamster outreach that is generated on this issue, a reporting form to return to our office has also been included. Additionally, please designate a "Pension Point Person" for your Joint Council or Local Union by filling out and returning the attached contact form.

This legislation is critical to Teamster members and their families, and we are asking for your utmost attention to any requests for assistance. Unless we all work together, it will be difficult to pass legislation to assist our multi-employer pension plans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need any additional information, please call the Department of Field and Political Action at (202) 624-6993.

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Attachments

Targeted Senate Finance Committee and Senate HELP Committee Members

AK	Senator	Lisa	Murkowski
AR	Senator	Blanche	Lincoln
AZ	Senator	Jon	Kyl
AZ	Senator	John	McCain
CO	Senator	Michael	Bennet
CT	Senator	Chris	Dodd
DE	Senator	Thomas	Carper
FL	Senator	Bill	Nelson
GA	Senator	John	Isakson
IA	Senator	Charles	Grassley
IA	Senator	Tom	Harkin
ID	Senator	Mike	Crapo
KS	Senator	Pat	Roberts
KY	Senator	Jim	Bunning
MA	Senator	John	Kerry
MD	Senator	Barbara	Mikulski
ME	Senator	Olympia	Snowe
MN	Senator	Al	Franken
MT	Senator	Max	Baucus
NC	Senator	Richard	Burr
NC	Senator	Kay	Hagan
ND	Senator	Kent	Conrad
NH	Senator	Judd	Gregg
NJ	Senator	Robert	Menendez
NM	Senator	Jeff	Bingaman
NV	Senator	John	Ensign
NY	Senator	Chuck	Schumer
OK	Senator	Tom	Coburn
OR	Senator	Jeff	Merkley
OR	Senator	Ron	Wyden
RI	Senator	Jack	Reed
TN	Senator	Lamar	Alexander
TX	Senator	John	Cornyn
UT	Senator	Orrin	Hatch
VT	Senator	Bernard	Sanders
WA	Senator	Maria	Cantwell
WA	Senator	Patty	Murray
WV	Senator	John	Rockefeller
WY	Senator	Mike	Enzi



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PENSION REPORTING FORM

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PENSION CONTACT NAME

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

LOCAL UNION EMAIL ADDRESS

LOCAL UNION WEBSITE ADDRESS

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