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December 12, 2015

The Honorable Jared Polis, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States House of Representatives
1433 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0602

Dear Representative Polis:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by
the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I urge
you to support calling for a vote in the Subcommittee on
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on H.R. 2844, the
Keep Our Pension Promises Act.

The Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 that
permits trustees of severely underfunded multiemployer
pension plans to cut the earned pension benefits of current
retirees changed over 40 years of ERISA law. The change
to ERISA is a big shift that many retiree and consumer
groups as well as several lawmakers fear could set a
precedent for other troubled retirement programs, including
single-employer pension plans. Since 1974, the federal law
governing the nation's private-sector pensions has
prohibited cuts to the benefits of individuals who have
already retired — a precedent that is now endangered.

The NRLN supports the passage of H.R. 2844 to restore
ERISA's original commitment so that America's retirees
do not need to doubt their retirement income security.

If you or your staff have questions about why passage
of H.R. 2844 is important to NRLN members, please
contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN's Executive
Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or
executivedirector@nrln.org.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed
whitepapers can be found at www.nrln.org. Your
consideration on these issues would also be
appreciated.

Sincerely,

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