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Rep. William F. Adolph
Main Capitol Building
P.O. Box 20202
Harrisburg, PA 17120

re: Government Employee Pension Reform

Dear Rep. Adolph,

I am Vice President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA), one of the largest taxpayer organizations in the U.S.

In the past year, we of TUA have travelled to many states to research and publicize public employee pensions. We have often found that government pensions are higher than private sector salaries!

The Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor Corbett have taken some bold steps in improving Pennsylvania's growth and financial outlook. And while Pennsylvania has flirted with pension reform, the changes implemented fall short of ensuring a sound solution for taxpayers and retirees.

Government employees should be paid fairly for the work they do today, allowing them to save for retirement. Pay cuts may minimize today's budget shortfalls, but without ending defined benefit pensions for new hires, certain crisis is only delayed.

I urge you to legislate a sustainable pension system that is fair to both taxpayers and pensioners by:

- Placing all new hires in a defined contribution system.
- Increasing vested employee contributions by 10%.

Any reform that does not **guarantee the end of unfunded pension liabilities** for taxpayers as well as guarantee **soundness for retirees** is not reform at all.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would have your staff contact me, so we can discuss the legislation necessary to accomplish these critical changes.

Thank you,

Christina Tobin, Vice President