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Kansas Legislator  
300 SW 10th Avenue  
Topeka KS, 66612-1590

re: Release of Public Employee Pension Information and Pension Reform

Dear Legislator,

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!

Some states recognize individuals' pension payouts with their names as public information, since they are paid with taxpayer dollars. They readily make them available for public view. Sadly, this is not the case in Kansas.

The Kansas Legislature and Governor Brownback have taken some bold steps in improving Kansas' growth and financial outlook.

I urge you to legislate "*a **sound** and **honest** pension system*" by:

- Releasing pension information with recipient names for public review
- Placing all new hires and non-vested employees 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 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