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To our Wisconsin Elected Delegation,

As Wisconsinites are dependent upon your individual roles in representing our Wisconsin values, it is time that our Wisconsin elected officials communicate as one body and work towards a solution related to the Multiemployer Pension Crisis. There can be no longer a wait and see approach, there is no longer time to form Government Committees to review what is already known.

The facts are well documented regarding the Multiemployer Pension Crisis and the potential for a secure retirement for tens of thousands of Wisconsinites rests directly within your abilities and leadership. There must be a bipartisan consensus amongst our elected Wisconsin Officials to develop a blueprint, build that bridge, connect parts and pieces together and that starts within the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsinites have never run away from hard work, we have rolled up our sleeves, swept the dust and sweat from our forehead and stood back to cherish our efforts when the project is finished.

Each of you have been involved with the Multiemployer Pension Crisis in some fashion over the last 5 years by either accepting an invite to attend a Retiree Pension Meeting in the community in which you represent, meeting face to face with those impacted by the Crisis or have had your State or Washington DC Office Staffers meet with Active or Retired Teamster members either in Wisconsin or Washington, DC.


We have talked and talked this issue until we have been blue in our face. Now the color of our face is red from the frustration of no action. Our breath is almost exhausted, but we are yet to give up. There is a solution, and the time is here.

Anyone involved in the Multiemployer Pension Crisis is not afraid of hard work. It is, and has been, hard work that created our ability to receive a Pension. As workers, we have done what was asked of us, we have done nothing wrong. We are the people that so many have relied upon to service our families and communities. We are the warehouse worker, the construction worker, the tool maker, the brewer, the milk man, the baker, the delivery driver, we are the part of your everyday.

As we have seen during the last few years, the can has been kicked down the road related to the Multiemployer Pension Crisis. Let us gather ourselves, as one, to pick up that can and carry it with the pride it deserves to finish line with a valued solution.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Bennett", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Thomas J. Bennett

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