

## **Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters**

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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT**

## TELL YOUR U.S. SENATOR TO APPROVE THE COVID-19 STIMULUS BILL THAT GRANTS RELIEF TO PENSIONS

The U.S. House late last week took an important step towards protecting the hardearned retirements of more than a million workers and retirees when it approved a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus bill that included language granting relief to hundreds of endangered multiemployer pension plans.

Under the Butch Lewis Emergency Pension Plan Relief Act of 2021 bill language inserted into the stimulus legislation, more than 50 Teamster pension plans – including its largest, the Central States Pension Fund – will be eligible for assistance at the outset of the bill's enactment, with more of the union's plans becoming eligible in 2022. As part of the measure, money to assist eligible plans would come directly from the U.S. Treasury Department in the form of grants which would not need to be repaid. Plan participants would receive 100 percent of their earned pension benefits.

It is imperative that Teamsters reach out to their lawmakers in the coming days and urge them to back working Americans who gave up raises to support themselves in retirement and have played by their rules their entire lives.

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