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EXTENSION OF ON-LINE PENSION HEARING DUE TO OVERWHELMING RESPONSE

Good afternoon everyone:

Due to the overwhelming response of more than 1,000 United employees and retirees who have provided their testimony on the threats to their retirements, Reps. George Miller (D-CA) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) are extending by one week the deadline of the online pension hearing.

The new deadline will be next **Friday, June 3rd, 2005**, which will allow for more statements to be received. AMFA Legislative has received over 200 responses this week from current employees and retirees - and we need to receive more. **We would like to hear from United as well as Northwest and Alaska on your concerns.**

"This overwhelming response shows how important this issue is to hundreds of thousands of American, and how out-of-touch Congress has become with the concerns of American everywhere," Congressman Miller said. "These United workers are people that members of Congress were sent to Washington to represent - people who work hard, play by the rules, and through no fault of their own are seeing their retirements slashed. Congress must act quickly on their behalf."

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

We are urging the membership and retirees at United, Northwest and Alaska to submit their own witness statements **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** (500 words or less) to include:

- the statement should explain a bit about you (the witness);
- where you live and work;
- what your job at your company has been;
- how long you have worked at your company (please specify your employer/ carrier);
- how the termination (or potential termination) of the pension plan personally will impact your lives, retirement security, and family.

These statements must be as **PERSONALIZED** as possible. **GENERIC FORM LETTERS WILL NOT SUFFICE FOR A HEARING OF THIS SORT.**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND YOUR STATEMENTS!!! SO GET YOUR PEN AND WRITE - OR GET THE KEYBOARD OUT AND TYPE!!!!

WHERE TO SEND THESE STATEMENTS:

Email: legislative@amfanatl.org (Your statement will be forwarded to Congress)
or - **Fax:** (202) 822-8887

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,
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