



# Taxpayers United of America

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Honorable Tom Corbett  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Government Employee Pension Reform

Dear Governor Corbett,

I am Vice President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA), one of the largest taxpayer organizations in the U.S. We thank you for your focus on timely and responsible budgeting without any new taxes.

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

In your State of the State, you proudly stated that with your leadership, “...**rather than postpone the inevitable**, faced up to the moment”.

I urge you to apply that logic with, “**reforms that count**”, to the Pennsylvania government employee pension system:

- All new hires placed in a defined contribution system with Social Security
- Increase contributions of current employees by as much as 10%.

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, Pennsylvania will continue to, ‘**postpone the inevitable**’.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would have your staff contact me, so we can discuss these matters.

Thank you,

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Christina Tobin, Vice President