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OUCH! OHIO GOVERNMENT PENSIONS ARE A PAINFUL REALITY!

OHIO – Taxpayers United of America has <u>released the top pension estimates</u> for Ohio government teachers and employees. "We are shedding light at last, on the problems with Ohio's government pension system," said <u>Christina Tobin</u>, Vice President of <u>Taxpayers United of America</u> (TUA), and founder and President of '<u>Free and Equal Elections</u>.' "Minimal reform has occurred in Ohio. Much more pressure is needed from taxpayers," she said.

"Ohio's government pension system desperately needs reform. Releasing the specific names and pension amounts would show who's really benefitting," said Tobin. "But Ohio refuses to release actual individual pension payments. Why won't the Governor let Ohioans see the facts?"

"There is no fair representation of taxpayers. This is a nationwide problem that burdens the Left and Right alike, and has fueled the financial crisis facing taxpayers and retirees. The urgency of this crisis is illustrated by the extensive press coverage that our government pension reports have received throughout Ohio."

Tobin, who toured through Ohio towns revealing top government pension estimates to the public, was covered by <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.ncb.10.2016

TUA will be exploring all options to get the information still being withheld by the government bureaucrats of Ohio, released. "I have written <u>letters to Governor Kasich</u> and <u>the members of the Ohio General Assembly</u>, asking for transparency. As long as taxpayers feel the pain of the hefty bill for these pensions, those payments should be available for public review." Tobin plans to work with legislators but does not exclude the possibility of filing a lawsuit to obtain the information.

TUA will be revealing more States' pensions across the nation, including those of Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Arizona in the coming weeks.