

# CONTRACT WATCHDOG

## Teamsters Pension Stories 2 – Teamcare and Veba

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Teamsters Pensioners - Letters from Retired members in the Central States Pension Plan and their Health and Welfare Fund (Teamcare)

Let's see what our future may look like under Teamcare and their Retiree Medical Veba Plan.

### John Gerhardt

Columbus, Ohio | Age 71

When I retired I took a 50% cut in pay. However, before I retired, I made sure I could live on what I would be receiving. **Now Central States wants to cut my retirement by 50%.** I can't live on this amount of money. **I was promised my retirement,** which was guaranteed by legal and binding contracts. **I feel Central States embezzled the funds or, at the very least, grossly mismanaged the funds.** I feel an investigation is called for and should be started immediately.

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### Myron W.

South St. Paul, Minnesota | Age 65

I was a union member for over 30 years. **About the last 15 years, instead of getting pay raises, it went towards health and pension benefits.** I had to quit work because of back problems. I chose to take my pension instead of Social Security disability. If this cut grows through I will file for Social Security disability. When a congressman retires, they get their full retirement package for life even though the federal government is way under water. This is an attempt to hurt the middle class.

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### Leon Slabaugh

Orrville, Ohio | Age 65

I'm a retired teamster with more than 30 yrs. of credit in the Central States Pension Fund. **Central States claims they have to cut my pension 55% to save the pension.** This will destroy my way of living/life. **Why won't Central States allow an audit?** Prices for everything are going up, and now Central States wants to chop my pension. This is wrong. **This is something I earned, not a gift.** Please help us repeal Kline-Miller Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA).

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### David Youngman

Pineville, North Carolina | Age 75

I, David Youngman, worked for UPS for 33 years, retired at 59 for 16 years. Have been staying afloat with the help of my pension. **With it being cut \$17,000 a year as proposed, well, this will drown me.** Cost of living goes up, Social Security goes up, and all medicines going up, cost of living constantly increases. Congress: please help support us and fight against taking our pension. Lots of friends threatening suicide. Help us.

**Can you trust Tom Nyhan and the other Central States Trustees with your Family medical and your Retiree medical? Can you trust them with Your Health and Welfare?**

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