

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McKeon:

We are writing to you about the House-Senate conference for HR 2830, the "Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005," for which you serve as Vice-Chair representing the House of Representatives.

As you know, we have spent many months discussing the vital issues that this bill addresses. We believe that we are now in a position to go forward and sign the conference agreement based on the understandings we have reached and which are reflected in the attached summary documents.

We strongly encourage the House conferees to join us in agreeing to sign the conference agreement. This is a conference agreement that does an enormous amount of good for the American people -- providing retirement security, pension reform as well as preventing tax increases on millions of middle-income taxpayers. Working together we can put a bill on the President's desk for signature within a week.

Thank you for your time and courtesy on this important issue.

Cordially yours,

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Chuck Grassley

Kent Conrad

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