Resources for Central States Pension Fund Retirees

The Pension Rights Center has posted this page to serve as a retiree resource hub for materials related to the Central States Pension Fund’s application to the U.S. Department of the Treasury to reduce retiree benefits under the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014. This page will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Central States Pension Fund Rescue Fund website

- [http://www.cspensionrescue.com](http://www.cspensionrescue.com): This website is produced by the Central States Pension Fund and includes information it has posted about the proposed benefit cuts.
- Summary of proposed cuts
- Frequently Asked Questions
- List of “orphan” companies: This is a list of companies that left the Central States Fund without paying full “withdrawal liability.”

The Central States Pension Fund Application for MPRA Benefit Suspension

- Full application
- Details of proposed benefit suspensions
- Factors demonstrating that benefit suspensions are distributed equitably
- Measures taken to avoid insolvency
- Proposed ballot
- Excerpts from Central States 2013 Form 5500, Annual Financial Report

Comments on CSPF application to reduce benefits – due December 7, 2015

- The Treasury Department has requested that individuals affected by the announcement of CSPF retiree benefit cuts submit public comment.
- Submit comments to the Treasury Department regarding the CSPF application to reduce benefits
- View the comments that have been posted to the Treasury Department regarding the CSPF application to reduce benefits
- Comments submitted by CSPF Retiree Representative, Susan Mauren

Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014

- Text of the “suspension of benefits” provisions of the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014
- Pension Rights Center summary of the MPRA pension cutback provisions
Regulations

- Treasury Department’s *proposed* regulation on suspension of benefits under MPRA
- Treasury Department’s *temporary* regulation on the suspension of benefits under MPRA

Pending legislation

- **Keep Our Pension Promises Act of 2015**
  - Legislative summary
  - How the Keep Our Pension Promises Act Would Save the Central States Pension Fund
  - Tax Loopholes That Would Be Closed by the Keep Our Pension Promises Act of 2015
- **Pension Accountability Act of 2015**
  - Legislative summary

People to contact

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- View a list of communications Susan Mauren has made on behalf of Central States retirees.

- **Kenneth Feinberg** has been appointed by the Treasury Department as the Special Master to oversee the implementation of the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014. Contact him to let him know of any concerns you may have about the law.

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- **Members of Congress.** Find your elected officials
Retiree groups

- Retirees who are in the Central States Pension Fund have created Facebook pages to communicate with each other to share strategy and keep informed about potential MPRA cuts. Find retiree groups here: [http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/).

Related Pension Rights Center fact sheets

- [Facts About Multiemployer Pension Plan Funding](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/)
- [List of multiemployer pension plans in "critical and declining" status](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/)

Pension Rights Center story bank

- [Add your voice to the story bank](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/)
- [Read the stories](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/)

Media

- [News articles about multiemployer pension plan funding](http://www.mycspensionhandsoff.com/)