Is the Promise to Public Employees Still a Reality?

Our pensions are under attack today unlike ever before. The responsibility to fix this lies with the State legislature and Governor Chris Sununu.

States must balance budgets each year. While every year there are competing priorities, those who serve their state should not be excluded.

Years ago, our pensions were set up to combine an individual’s contribution with the state’s contribution. Our state invests the money it gets from these two sources to build these funds for our retirement.

Why is your pension fund only 63% funded? What happened? What does this mean for you? These are questions that require answers. The only answers will come from the legislature and governor. This is one battle no one can afford to lose.

When we fight, we win.
**Take Action**

**What you can do**

SEIU1984 is a member driven organization. When members talk to other members, it often leads to action. If you go to a committee meeting or just talk to your co-workers about the issues, it has a positive effect. Momentum can shift and problems get solved.

Get involved. Join the Conservative Committee. Go to a chapter meeting. Let the elected leaders know what you want and need. Be persistent.

You are the union. Make your dues money pay the returns for which it is intended. Complaining only works if there is a way to take action on your issue. Let's talk. Let's meet. Let's take action.

We all have busy lives. We have to play the long game. Retirement is the long game.

If we all put our shoulder to the wheels, the wheels moves the cart forward. We need you. We need you now!

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**A Rewarding Retirement**

The Conservative Members Committee is planning to lobby on behalf of retirees. But legislators are always more interested in talking to their constituents than to paid staff. In the case of state employees, it's important to meet your legislators and build a relationship with them so they know you and know how much you need and deserve a healthy pension system.

Here are some websites to get the basics of your retirement.

- [https://www.seiu1984.org/resources/](https://www.seiu1984.org/resources/)
- [https://www.ssa.gov/](https://www.ssa.gov/)
- [https://www.nhrs.org/](https://www.nhrs.org/)

Retirement should be rewarding and it can be if you have the funds to sustain your lifestyle after you leave your job.

Do it now. Pay yourself first. Then pay your bills. Act now.