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Assemblyman Ken McDonald
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Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter.

Unfortunately, the situation regarding federal pensions as described by Clark Mollenhoff is true, although it has not reached the point where it is out of control. I agree with you we really need to do something about changing the present situation. Last year, the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits held hearings on the one percent add on feature of the pension system. They are expected to hold more hearings later this year. New York City's pension system brought it to the brink of bankruptcy and the same is likely to happen to the federal government if its pension system is not reformed.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,


ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO
Member of Congress

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