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H.R. 3936!

It's crunch time on Capitol Hill, as the IBT & its organized labor allies start the big push in support of H.R. 3936, the *Preserve Benefits & Jobs Act of 2010!*

Simply put, H.R. 3936 would further help U.S. defined benefit pension plans as they restructure to meet the demands of current federal pension laws requiring higher employer contributions and the challenges posed by the ongoing U.S. economic recovery.

Without quick Congressional action on H.R. 3936, many employers are threatening to eliminate any new jobs and even cut existing employees to meet the current federal funding regs — and we certainly don't need any more lost Teamster jobs!

It's time for Congress to stop worrying about Wall Street and step up to protect our pensions, pronto. H.R. 3936 would do just that by enacting a group of changes to allow pension plans to regroup and rebuild while including tough new protections for our pension rights.

The IBT is working with a coalition of other labor unions and organizations on a major lobbying push to get H.R. 3936 through Congress ASAP. And we're helping with this historic



effort by asking every 115 member to write to his/her Representative asking him/her to cosponsor & support H.R. 3936 — and, to his/her U.S. Senator asking for his/her support for a soon-to-be introduced Senate version.

H.R. 3936 is technical legislation, sure — but it's a bailout for us, not for Wall Street bankers & corporate CEOs. We need H.R. 3936!

How YOU Can Help...

Come to our next General Membership Meeting on February 28 and sign a letter to your local Senators and Representative. Or, contact the Hall at 215-335-0100, ext. 106 and we'll mail a sample letter & contact list to you — just complete it & mail it yourself. Let's get H.R. 3936 through Congress ASAP!

Fair Trade, not "Free" Trade!

Another legislative issue on the Teamster hot place in D.C. is a new multilateral trade agreement that actually protects U.S. jobs and our environment — the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.

This new pact involves seven nations which border the Pacific Ocean — Australia, Chile, Peru, Singapore, Brunei, New Zealand & Vietnam — and it's still in the planning stage. Late last month the IBT sent its comments on the proposed trade pact to the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, saying we could support the Trans-Pacific Partnership if the pact

- Protects workers & their right to organize;
- Protects the environment
- Doesn't give greater rights to foreign investors than to U.S. firms, and
- Doesn't require fast track trade promotion authority from Congress, among other requirements.

The federal government got it wrong with NAFTA, CAFTA & the other so-called "Free" trade pacts of the past — now the Obama Administration has a chance to do it right. Design it so our jobs & economy are protected from the start, and it's a win-win!

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