



KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Dear Fellow Legislator,

We want to bring to your attention to the deceptive work that the Pew Center on the States is engaged in across the country in order to promote their cash balance pension overhaul policy. Pew recently brought its pension scheme to Kentucky, where it convinced enough legislators into passing a bill that will cost taxpayers millions of dollars, will not reduce our state's unfunded liability, and will diminish retirement security. As legislators who recently fought a losing battle against Pew, we felt it our duty to warn our fellow legislators across the country about the ramifications of letting Pew into your state.

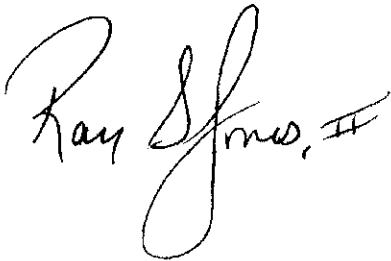
Pew has a reputation as a non-partisan organization, but that standing is tarnished by Pew's pension scheme and its unholy alliance with the Arnold Foundation—a group committed to eliminating public pensions. Together, Pew and the Arnold Foundation travel state to state in order to shop around their cash balance plan that hurts workers and taxpayers.

What their PowerPoints and “experts” don't tell you is that their cash balance plan does nothing to reduce any unfunded liability that your state's pension plans may carry. Our legislature started considering pension reform in order to address this specific issue, yet there is no legitimate policy in Pew's plan to start paying down this obligation. In fact, for many states, the cash balance plan will incur additional costs. Moreover, the plan does not address the mounting retirement security crisis that so many of our states are facing. The plan reduces retirement benefits and threatens to retire a generation of workers into poverty.

Pension reform can be an opportunity to protect current and future public workers through thoughtful reform, but that is not what is on Pew and Arnold's agenda. Instead, Pew and Arnold's pension reform scheme will harm future state and local government employees while costing taxpayers millions of dollars.

Pew is good at politics, which is how it gained access and influence in Kentucky, but it is awful at public policy. Don't let Pew and Arnold sell you on harmful reform that will have long-lasting consequences in your state.

Sincerely,



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State Senator



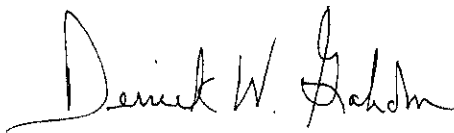
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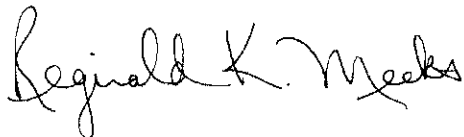
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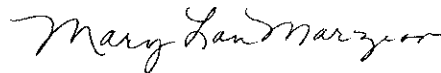
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