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Dear Representatives Barton, Black, Blackburn, Boustany, Jr., Brady, Bridenstine, Burgess, Carter, Cassidy, Cole, Conaway, Culberson, DesJarlais, Duncan, Jr., Farenthold, Fincher, Fleischmann, Fleming, Flores, Gohmert, Granger, Graves, Hall, Harper, Hartzler, Hensarling, Huelskamp, Jenkins, Johnson, Lankford, Long, Lucas, Luetkemeyer, Marchant, McCallister, McCaul, Mullin, Neugebauer, Nunnelee, Olson, Palazzo, Poe, Pompeo, Roe, Scalise, Sessions, Smith, Stockman, Thornberry, Wagner, Weber, Williams, and Yoder:

As I have shared with you on several occasions, Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. strongly supports the recommendations of the NCCMP in its report "Solutions Not Bailouts" for stabilizing the pensions of millions of American workers and retirees. Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller, working with Chairman Camp and Chairman Ryan, crafted a proposal based on those recommendations that would allow labor and management trustees, working together, to take the steps necessary to salvage troubled plans before they become insolvent and, thus, protect the retirement security of countless individuals to the fullest extent possible.

Despite some statements to the contrary, the substance of this proposal has been properly reviewed. Management and labor worked together for over 18 months leading to the NCCMP recommendations. The Education and Workforce Committee held 5 hearings relating to this over the past 2 years. Finally, the Ways and Means Committee held a similar hearing this past September. This legislation would simply allow private sector companies and plans to solve their own economic problems without any governmental involvement or financial intervention.

On behalf of AWG and its employees, we respectfully request that you vote in favor of the Rule today.

Sincerely,

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