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Members of the United States House of Representatives:

On behalf of The Kroger Co., I would like to offer our strong support for the multiemployer provisions contained in the Kline-Miller amendment that is being included as part of the omnibus bill.

This bipartisan agreement follows three years of hard work, hearings, events and negotiations between employers and unions, and members of Congress. It is absolutely essential legislation to allow the private sector to resolve the multiemployer pension crisis without government involvement.

If this legislation is not enacted, the failure of the PBGC's multiemployer fund (already facing insolvency in as soon as seven years) would place a substantial burden on American taxpayers. This legislation would prevent that outcome and put the pensions of millions of Americans on a sustainable path for decades to come.

We urge you to support this legislation as part of the omnibus package.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney McMullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rodney McMullen
CEO, The Kroger Co.