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Subject: Suggestion-EBSA proposed rules 2/02/10

Please allow me to suggest be example- I had to retire after some 38 years of service in May of 2009- My employer had provided health benefits since at least the early 1960's- and I retired with these benefits.

Well some 74 days later I (110 other retirees) received a letter saying that our health benefits are being eliminated in 30 days.

We are ALL being thrust into this medical travesty, but an agency dropping people (especially the retirees)- is only aiding their cause and they are spreading problem out providing a solution.

I met even with the Board of Trustees at my agency to see if they would cancel this benefit- effective to any future retirees and suggested that those as myself (who had retired with these benefits) be grandfathered in paying 35%(akin to your ARRA)- Well they denied any of our options and basically this group of 110 as many others had to go out to fiend for themselves.

My point is very simple- companies that do this are legally within bounds though morally wrong.

I suggest that any one in the past two years who retired with a health package only to have it removed later -be placed into medicare- NOT the panaceas but it will duct tape this travesty.

Secondly from a set date(say February20,2010) any company that choses to discontinue health benefits to their retirees will have to participate with the ARRA 35-65 COBRA for that retiree until they are medicare eligible .

Sincerely,

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