

VOTE FOR HB1230 – State Prescription Drug Benefits - Retirees

Dear Chairwoman McIntosh and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I write to urge you to vote in favor of HB1230 – State Prescription Drug Benefits - Retirees

I am a retired Maryland State retiree. (I worked for the State for 32 years as a social worker.) When we were hired we had a social contract with the State for prescription coverage upon retirement, if we worked long enough to be vested. The state is trying to renege on that promise.

What happened to "right and wrong"? When the governor, in 2011, and the legislature, decided to phase out prescription coverage for retired State employees, they did so with the same game plan that the Baltimore Colts used when they left under cover of dark (in 1984), slyly, without notifying anyone. None of us retirees were notified of the game change until we received a shocking letter, 7 years later. Surprise! Your coverage is ending in a couple months! Find a new plan now!

Where is the justice in that? It was WRONG.

It is the RIGHT thing to permanently restore our prescription coverage. It is the ETHICAL thing to do. It is the MORAL thing to do.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I hope you will vote in favor of HB1230.

Sincerely,

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