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Kenneth Stribling and Teamsters
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I'm Ken, a proud Teamster from Local 200 in Milwaukee. I hope you don't mind, I brought some friends. I retired after 30 years of service.

In 2015, I found out my monthly pension was going to be cut in half. Not long after, my wife, Beverly, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. I didn't know how we were going to make it. So I went to a retirees' meeting in a church basement. In that moment, I knew we weren't going to go down without a fight. Beverly made me promise to never quit until we made this right.

So we organized a nationwide, grassroots movement. For six years, we fought hard. Finally, we had a breakthrough.

After just 50 days in office, the Biden-Harris administration passed the American Rescue Plan, including the Butch Lewis Act to save our pensions and secure our retirement. They got it done without a single Republican vote in Congress. They saved over one million pensions, including over 33,000 in Wisconsin, 52,000 in Pennsylvania, 61,000 in Michigan!

As president, I know Kamala Harris will have our backs. She'll fight for our retirement, Social Security, and Medicare.

Beverly passed away in 2019, but I kept my promise. Because a promise is a promise is a promise!

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