



December 29, 2020

Bridget Early  
National Public Pension Coalition  
1201 16<sup>th</sup> St NW, Ste. 518  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: NPPC Grant Application submitted by MFPE on behalf of Montana Pension Coalition

Dear Ms. Early:

The Montana Nurses Association (MNA) is extremely supportive of the grant application submitted by MFPE on behalf of our state pension coalition. The fight we face in Montana with the recent election results only highlights the urgency of the work we are doing to defend our public employee pensions.

This coalition previously received critical NPPC assistance in 2013 and at that time launched a very successful campaign to advocate for a specific legislative approach to our pensions. While we now face a different challenge to our systems, we are no less committed to maintaining strong pension systems in Montana.

Funds from this grant will help with efforts to educate the public and legislators about the stability of our current pensions, as well as provide us flexible and fast responses as harmful bills are introduced to attack these systems. Our coalition will be coordinating our messaging and sharing information internally to be ready to respond quickly to any pension threats.

We appreciate the opportunity to stress our support of the grant application being submitted to NPPC by this coalition.

Sincerely,

*Vicky Byrd, MSN, RN*

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MNA Chief Executive Officer