

February 24, 2014

The Honorable Judge Steven Rhodes,

Re: Case #13-53846

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself (a City of Detroit retiree for 13+ years) and my aunt (who is receiving widow's benefits). We are expressing our concern over the City's and Emergency Manager's recent plan to cut our pension benefits, specifically our monthly checks. My aunt receives \$600+ a month in pension. It takes my pension and my Social Security benefits to be able to pay my association fees for my coop; besides utilities, I try to keep my other debts at a minimum (car service repairs, occasional outings, etc.) My aunt who lives in her own home, constantly have repair issues and other responsibilities. Our medical is another expense.

We both reside in the City of Detroit as do many other retirees. We pay our taxes and are a vital part of keeping this City going. To keep our level of comfort, decency and safety, cutting our payments would be devastating and cause tremendous hardship.

We're asking, if possible, if you can make another ruling that the City and the Emergency Manager reconsider their plan, to have some compassion on the retirees and to research other ways to avoid those cuts.

Sincerely,

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