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The Honorable Judge Steven Rhoades,

Dear Sir:

My name is Lois Drafts. I am 77 1/2 years old. Both my husband, David 83 1/2 years old, and I are City of Detroit Retirees.

When I had to retire because of illness (now duty disability) the City of Detroit (unknown to me) paid "sick time" out of my annuity! This was wrong! As a result, my pension is just \$459.80 - a 34% loss minus a Dental Plan of \$26.71. will be only \$273.00 month.

I loved my job (Senior Clerk in Property Tax). I was a good, caring dedicated Public Servant. I received (via the treasurer and Mayor) many letters of gratitude and praise from the Taxpayers. I was Finance Employee of the year twice.

Judge Rhoades, we are already struggling to live. We just entered a Structured Debt Payment Plan!

Why are we being blamed and sacrificed for past poor management? We worked for our promised pensions and Medical Care Benefits. As it became we are old and frail, we can be written off? We are real people not dollar signs \$ \$

These are not the "Golden Years" for us. This is terrifying!! Please, please consider our plight.

Thank You,

Lois J Drafts