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THE HONORABLE BERNARD SANDERS
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DEAR SENATOR SANDERS,

I HAVE HEARD THAT SOME OF YOUR MORE SEDENTARY COLLEAGUES FEEL THAT THE RETIREMENT AGE SHOULD BE RAISED TO 70 YEARS. I FEEL THAT THIS IS TOTALLY WRONG.

IN A SONG ABOUT COWBOYS, WILLIE NELSON SINGS - 'KNOWING WELL THAT YOUR BEST DAYS ARE GONE'. WELL, THIS 63 YEAR OLD UNION SHEET METAL WORKER IS EITHER THERE OR PUSHING IT HARD - DEPENDING ON THE DAY. ANOTHER 2½ YEARS OF LEAVING HOME AT 2AM MONDAYS, DRIVING 500-1000 MILES PER WEEK AND NOT GETTING HOME UNTIL FRIDAY NIGHT WILL BE QUITE ENOUGH THANK YOU. THEREFORE I HOPE YOU WILL WORK TO DEFEAT THAT BAD IDEA.

I WANT TO CLOSE ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE. BARBARA BAILEY HUTCHISON HAS A LINE IN A SONG WHICH REFERS TO A YEAR AS 'ANOTHER HAPPY LITTLE TRIP AROUND THE SUN'. WITH SOCIAL SECURITY AND MY DIMINUTIVE PENSION, I HOPE TO HAVE AT LEAST A COUPLE OF HAPPY TRIPS AROUND THE SUN TO SPEND WITH MY WIFE AT OUR HOME BEFORE MY JOURNEY IS OVER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE TO OUR GREAT STATE AND WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

BART