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Retirement Security on the 2020 Ballot

WHEREAS: Retirement security is built on a lifetime of earnings from work we set aside for when we choose to leave the active workforce or when we are shoved out of work, as is now the majority of “retirements;” and

WHEREAS: The retirement security continues to be cut by actions of Congress and the current Trump administration by legislation and regulatory roll backs; and

WHEREAS: President Donald Trump has a personal business history of cheating workers out of earned wages, benefits and retirement; and

WHEREAS: President Trump has submitted budgets each year that propose substantial cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, our systems of social insurance for retirement security; and

WHEREAS: President Trump is two-faced, saying publically that he would not touch Social Security or Medicare while also saying during television interviews that “entitlements” are on the table for major cuts or elimination; and

WHEREAS: President Trump recently allowed for the suspension of the payroll tax that finances Social Security and Medicare, and is proposing to permanently eliminate this payroll tax, leaving Social Security and Medicare financing to the whim of the Congress and the individual in the White House; and

WHEREAS: The Republican-controlled US Senate continues to stall further action on the resolution of the multi-employer pension crisis, caused the banks and financial markets to collapse in 2008, the restraints on Rx drug prices, further support for workers and retirees in the health crisis; and

WHEREAS: The election of 2018, control of the US House moved to the Democrats who with Nancy Pelosi as Speaker, passed the Butch Lewis Act to aid multi-employer pension plans into recovery, passed the Lower Drug Cost Now Act, forcing Big Pharma to negotiate with Medicare and passing the savings to retirees and active workers, blocked the Trump proposals to cut and defund Social Security Medicare and Medicaid, and proffered fuller funding of the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS: Joe Biden has a 96% lifetime Congressional Voting record on retiree and senior issues, and Kamala Harris has a 100% pro retiree issue voting record from the Alliance for Retired Americans; and

WHEREAS: The Biden/Harris platform reflects long sought initiatives and reforms that make retirement secure: including expansion of Social Security, lowering the age of Medicare to 60, ending the robbery of pensions during corporate bankruptcy, shoring up multiemployer pension plans, building on the House passed Rx drug cost negotiations, modernizing long

term care services and support so retirees can live in their own homes as they cope with the disabilities of advancing in age.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund and its retiree affiliates of the Ohio labor movement support the work of the Ohio AFL-CIO and Ohio Labor 2020 and our mutual fight to protect, preserve, and pass on retirement security as an American way to live life after a life of work by electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris President and Vice President of the United States.

*Submitted by: **The Ohio Alliance for Retired Americans Educational Fund***