



## Council of Prison Locals C-33

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The Council of Prison Locals, American Federation of Government Employees, represents nearly 30,000 staff members of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. These employees work in very difficult and challenging situations, walking one of the toughest public safety beats in America. We would like to take the opportunity to bring an important issue to your attention that affects this group of sworn Federal Law Enforcement Officers nationwide.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced Senate Bill 644.

## The Council of Prison Locals Opposes This Bill

**S. 644 - A bill to amend subchapter II of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit coverage for annuity purposes for any individual hired as a Federal employee after 2012.**

**Sponsor: Senator Richard Burr [R-NC]**

**The Council of Prison Locals opposes this bill:** Eliminating pensions for future federal employees would do absolutely nothing to remedy perceived unfunded liabilities, and would only deprive future employees of any hope of a dignified retirement after they have spent a lifetime in public service. Currently, The Bureau of Prisons is experiencing difficulties recruiting and retaining qualified professionals; removing the pension portion of the federal retirement program would not make a career in the BOP a more attractive prospect for potential employees.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the constituent representative(s) who meets or contacts you regarding this issue, or feel free to contact me as well.

Sincerely,

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