

Overview of Federal Legislative Activity – Retirement Security

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Tom Lussier is the President of The Lussier Group, a consulting firm based in Alexandria, Virginia. The Lussier Group offers a full range of government-related consulting services and legislative representation, primarily focused on public employee pension and health benefits. In addition, the firm is actively engaged in the management of national coalitions in support of specific Federal advocacy objectives, including the Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security (CPRS) and the Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable.

Tom previously served as Executive Director and CEO of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRS). For nearly 19 years, he was responsible for the administration of retirement benefits for approximately 110,000 active and retired teachers and school administrators of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Prior to the MTRS, Tom served as the First Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Public Employee Retirement Administration and was elected to four terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has the distinction of being the youngest person elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives; he was first elected in 1977 at the age of nineteen. In 1976, he was elected to the City Council in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Tom served as President of the National Council on Teacher Retirement, Chairman of the Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security, and President of the National Preretirement Education Association. He was an instructor with the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans' Certificate of Achievement in Public Plan Policy in Employee Pensions and is a former member of the Foundation's Public Employee Committee.

Tom is a former member of the Massachusetts Retirement Law Commission and a former Trustee of the Methuen Contributory Retirement System in Methuen, Massachusetts.
