{CurrentDate}

{stdMbrFullName}

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{x stdMbrAdrCountryDesc}

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**Re: Disability Pension Benefits- Break in Service**

Dear {stdMbrFullNameInProperCase}:

Thank you for contacting MPI regarding the requirements for a Disability Pension under the Motion Picture Industry Pension Plan (“Pension Plan”) and the Motion Picture Industry Individual Account Plan (“IAP”).

To be eligible for a Disability Pension benefit under the Pension Plan, you must meet *all* of the following requirements:

* You must have a Social Security Disability Award letter. In lieu of a determination by the Social Security Administration, you may qualify if you have a medical diagnosis indicating a life expectancy of less than two years.
* Your Disability must prevent you from engaging in any gainful employment.
* You are currently on Active status and not a Break in Service (BIS) Participant. A “Break in Service” occurs after two consecutive Computation Years with less than 200 Vested Hours each year and not subsequently earning at least one Qualified Year.
* You have worked at least 10 Qualified Years, including service prior to a withdrawal of employee contributions, unless the service is forfeited under the BIS rules.
* You have accumulated at least 10,000 Credited Hours, including service prior to a withdrawal of employee contributions, unless the service is forfeited under the BIS rules.
* Your total and permanent disability has been at least six months in duration.

According to MPI’s records, you are on a Break in Service for Plan Years {LatestBISYears} and have not subsequently earned a Qualified Year. Therefore, you do not currently meet the requirements for a Disability Pension.

Even though you do not qualify for a Disability Pension under the Pension Plan, you are eligible to withdraw your IAP balance. Please complete the enclosed forms to receive your IAP benefits. A self-addressed envelope has been provided for your convenience or you may fax them to (818) 755-6523.

If you have any questions, please contact by e-mail at [rsd@mpiphp.org](mailto:service@mpiphp.org), or call (818) 769-0007 extension 2499 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time.

Sincerely,

Retirement Benefits

Enclosure