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Dear Employer,

The Midwest Operating Engineers Fringe Benefit Fund Office has experienced an increase in check fraud surrounding employer fringe benefit payments sent through the United States Postal System. To eliminate this concern, the Board of Trustees has made the decision to require Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments for contributions, dues, or other Employer payments beginning January 1, 2025.

Many Employers already use the I-Remit contribution portal to submit their contribution reports electronically and set the date for their ACH payment. On and after January 1, 2025, any employer who chooses not to use the ACH payment system available through I-Remit and still wish to submit a paper check to the Fund Office must do so using a secure courier such as, United Parcel Service (UPS), DHL, etc. After January 1, 2025, any check received at the Fund Office via USPS will incur a \$250 fee per check (not per envelope).

If you have any questions, please contact the Accounts Receivable Department at (708) 579-6620.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bernstein  
Administrative Manager  
Midwest Operating Engineers Fringe Benefit Funds