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Speaker Biography

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Gerri Madrid-Davis is the Director of Financial Security & Consumer Affairs in the office of State Advocacy & Strategy Integration, Government Affairs at AARP. Ms. Madrid-Davis' team works nationally to promote AARP's state advocacy agenda and works with AARP's state offices to advance their legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy in the areas of retirement security, utilities, asset protection, home and community, state budgets and taxations and a variety of other issues.

She was the first Executive Director of the National Public Pension Coalition from 2007-2011. The NPPC is a partnership of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), the National Education Association (NEA) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), whose mission is to effectively defend defined benefit pension plans and to ensure that these plans continue to provide the foundation of retirement security for public-sector workers.

Ms. Madrid-Davis was formerly the Senior Committee Director for Labor and Economic Development at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in the Office of State-Federal Relations in Washington, DC from 1997 to 2007. While at NCSL, Gerri lobbied Congress and federal agencies on behalf of the state legislatures on a wide range of issues, including public pension and retirement issues, Social Security, labor, economic and workforce development issues, federal budget and tax, energy and transportation issues.

Ms. Madrid-Davis earned undergraduate degrees in anthropology and women's studies at Metropolitan State College in Denver and completed her Master of Arts in Public Affairs coursework at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. Prior to her work with NCSL, Ms. Madrid-Davis was the Senior Program Coordinator at the Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA) in Denver, Colorado.