Testimony HB 6988

Senator Prague, Representative Ryan, members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, My name is Winston Heimer and I live in West Harford. I am a Tier I, Plan B State Retiree.

I am writing in support of RB 6988 An Act Updating The Social Security Retirement Age To Reflect Federal Changes.

To me this is just a matter of fairness. As you know, current state statute says that a Tier I State employee retiree's pension is reduced when she or he reaches age 65 -- the age at which one was entitled to full Social Security benefits at the time the state law was enacted. That has now changed and we are seeking simply to change wording in the state statute to conform with currently existing Federal law that would reduce pensions at the age at which a retiree is actually eligible for full Social Security-- in my case, for example, it would be age 66.

I urge the committee to give pass this bill. Thank you for your time.

If you have any questions I can be reached through Susan Williams (860) 257-9782. Thank you.