

Testimony Before the Labor and Public Employees Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly  
February 6, 2007

Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and members of the Labor and Public Employees:  
I am unable to attend today's hearing but want to offer a brief written statement in favor of HB6988, An Act Updating The Social Security Retirement Age To Reflect Federal Changes.

My name is Winston Heimer and I live in West Hartford. I am a Tier I, Plan B State Retiree. I believe that adjusting the Social Security retirement age is to me 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. Federal law has 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 favorable consideration to this bill.