

Dear Members,

I am a retired teacher who served the children of Connecticut for 40 years.

Currently, my monthly insurance cost through East Hampton Board of Education

is \$850.37 WITH the \$110/mo subsidy for myself and my husband. This cost rises nearly \$90 per year and there is NO COLA to offset this. My health issues and

my husband's require many prescription medications. If costs are increased - we will

have to choose between medication and mortgage! I have to substitute now to keep up with our bills. It is unconscionable to financially drain the senior population

who have worked the longest and the most responsibly. We need you to advocate on

our behalf so we can maintain our health and our homes. We are people and not mere numbers in a political power struggle. The STRB needs to continue to function independently in order to protect the interest of Connecticut's teachers. Please do not allow us to be thrown into a quagmire of bureaucratic and technology SNAFUs in the Office of the State Comptroller.

Sincerely,

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