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AppropriationTestimony
Teacher Retiree Health Insurance

I am concerned about the proposal for the State to withhold contributions to the Teacher Retiree Health Insurance fund that provides a modest (\$110) monthly subsidy towards the health insurance premiums that retired teachers must pay. Active teachers pay 1.25% of their salary each year as their contribution to this fund with the understanding that the fund will remain solvent. The State of Connecticut should honor its obligation to its educators. Please do not engage in the same fiscal irresponsibility that caused our pension fund to become \$7 billion in the red several years ago.

Respectfully,
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