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The proposed cut in TRB Health Contribution

I retired, after 37 years in teaching, knowing that the contributions to healthcare insurance were spread among active teachers, the state and the retiree. And while the police, fire and highway workers had a better deal, I was satisfied. I had prepared for the twilight years. I would be comfortable even if I was not wealthy.

My wife, also a retired teacher, felt much the same.

Suddenly, Governor Malloy, who sold teachers a bill of goods about being pro-education and pro-teacher, has determined it is OK to raid the Teachers' Retirement Board yet again.

What will happen to our money? Will it be used to fund another tax break for industry; perhaps as successful as the Pfizer or Bayer incentives? Will 38 million dollars finance the construction of a high-speed rail link to Springfield, or a buses only highway to Middletown? How about tax incentives for a gun store at Steel Point?

It seems sad that retired teachers will be asked to sacrifice their benefits to pay for any such controversial, pork barrel projects to make our governor look good.

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