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AppropriationTestimony
State's contribution to the retired teachers' health fund

I respectfully ask the appropriations committee to fund the retired teachers' health fund as required by law. If Governor Malloy eliminates the 220 contribution, the LEAST expensive policy in Thompson would cost me 1561.57 a month (2012-2013 rates) for a couple, more than half of my monthly retirement check after taxes. I am 2 years away from Medicare, and do not feel that that is affordable health care. Please tell Governor Malloy to put people, not money, first. Teachers are one of Connecticut's best resources, as are its children. Please honor your commitment to them, and do not abandon them. It is enough to worry about surviving an illness or the uncontrolled rising costs of healthcare without also worrying about whether what was promised will be taken away.

Thank You!

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