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Teacher's Retirement Insurance

Appropriations Committee

As secretary of the Henry Barnard Memorial Fund, a fund which helps retired teachers in need, I am concerned about the funding of our retiree insurance. (The Henry Barnard Memorial Fund is supported by active and retired teachers who contribute to it.) Currently we are paying \$800 a month to pay for the health insurance of two retired teachers who have no access to Medicare, having no Social Security. Also the fund is paying a smaller stipend for two teachers' secondary insurance through the State Teachers' Retirement Board. These teachers are in dire need of health insurance coverage. These teachers and other retired teachers paid into the State Teachers Retirement Insurance fund during their active teaching years with the promise that the fund would support their insurance needs in retirement. This promise must be kept by the state of CT to continue support retired teachers insurance. I urge the committee's support.

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