Increasing the payroll tax on teachers from 6% to 7% is totally unfair. Teachers have always paid their fair share into their retirement and the problem of unfunded liability is due to decades of underpayment by the state, and not by teachers. Increasing the payroll tax from 6 to 7 percent is not really a "1% increase" it is a 16.6 percent increase in what teachers are required to pay. No other group of Connecticut citizens saw a higher per capita tax increase in the budget last year. This increase is discriminatory against teachers. The same group you expect to teach and protect your children.