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Subject: Educator Pension Reform testimony for Monday, March 6: HF2222 (Wolgamott); SF1938 (Frentz)
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Hello LCPR Board,

I am writing to encourage you to pass the HF2222 and SF1938 bills as written to the full legislative body. MN Tier II teachers have been shafted. We have contributed a higher percentage of our salary to TRA than Tier I yet we are being penalized as compared to the nice pension Tier I receives. The choices we face of teaching to age 66 to receive our full pension or taking our pension early and facing draconian penalties is very shameful for the State of MN to impose.

I started teaching at age 22 in January of 1990. To miss the line drawn in the sand for Rule of 90 by six months is extremely frustrating and disheartening. I am currently in my 33rd year of teaching and coaching. Facing 10 more years of teaching is not doable. I ask you to encourage the legislature to pass these bills for full pensions for teachers after 35 years or 62 years of age. Thank you for your time and efforts.

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