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Subject: Please Support HF2222 (Wolgamott); SF1938 (Frentz)

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Good Afternoon,

Please support HF2222 (Wolgamott); SF1938 (Frentz) to improve the insufficient pension that educators in the state of Minnesota are currently facing which would help address the possible crisis coming in education.

As the pandemic taught us, educators play a crucial role in the function of the economy and society. Without teachers, beyond having an uneducated society, children would need to be cared for, meaning parents would not be able to work, and this negatively impacts all areas of society.

Teachers are leaving the profession at an alarming rate and education programs in universities are seeing less and less enrollment. When young people learn that they may have to retire later than any of their peers in other professions, they second guess their choice. This is the same for teachers in our 30s and 40s, why would we keep doing this job for another 35 years when we could go into another profession and only work for 20 more? Pension reform is necessary to draw teachers to the profession and to keep teachers doing what they do best, educate our kids and positively impact the community.

Please vote for the above bills in order to recruit and retain quality educators here in our wonderful state of Minnesota!

Sincerely,

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