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To whom it may concern:

As a boy growing up in rural southern Minnesota several of my teachers inspired me to go into teaching. Coaching Football and Baseball along with summer landscape work kept me going during the lean pay years of my 20's and 30's. As I pondered whether to stay in this emotionally draining profession, I was assured by my mentors that rule of 90 or something similar would surely return over the next 30 years. Stay for the pension.

Today I am in my 32nd year and facing another 7-12 years depending on the level of penalties I am able to endure. Teaching is already difficult to recruit to. My nurse daughter made more money than me in her very first year of work and my other 2 children will soon surpass me in their earnings. Ah, but I have a pension!

This TRA pension seems more like a prison. They have taken 4-7.5% of my income for 32 years. My cumulative balance on my side alone is over \$200k. And yet I can not access the money without penalty until I am 66 years old.

The current LCPR and legislature are not at fault for this. But this year's legislators are in a unique position to correct these inequities that past leaders and circumstances have created. Please correct these injustices this year, this session and pass **SF 1938/HF2222** the **62 or 35 Bill** along with the **Augmentation Return**, the **Covid Years Provisions**, and the **Post Retirement Adjustments**. Please correct these prior injustices. Thank you for listening. Now is the time.

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