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I am writing asking you to support pension reform. I have been teaching in East Grand Forks, MN the last 26 years. Previously I taught in 4 other districts including in Middle River, MN from 1989 to 1992. I got hired on May 26, 1989 for the 1989-1990 school year in Middle River, MN. I substitute taught on May 26, 1989. I did not make the cut off date for the rule of 90 as I can't find proof of the substitute teaching for May 26, 1989.

As a result, I am forced to work another 8-10 years to get full retirement benefits in Minnesota. A lot of my friends and classmates are enjoying full benefits and can care for aging parents, spend time with their own families and grandchildren, have time for hobbies, and can travel at their leisure while their health still allows them to do. Now is the time to support teachers and make for a fair pension so teachers can retire with dignity. Thank you.

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