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I am a high school Spanish teacher, and I've been teaching since I was 23 years old. I'm now 53. This is my thirtieth year. When my dad was a teacher, he had the rule of ninety for retirement. He was able to retire at 56 and go on to do many other things after he retired. He taught at a community college for years after he retired and has had time to enjoy life and take care of an ailing spouse. The rule of ninety, I feel, is an incentive to get into teaching as you have plenty of time after you retire to go do other things. We will still be young enough to enjoy the fruits of our labor. As I'm sure you know, teaching is a demanding career with little reward. We don't make a lot of money, and unless salaries increase or retirement is enticing, very few young people will choose this career path. I don't want it to all be in favor of young people coming into the field, however, without some type of benefit to those of us who have dedicated our lives to education.

Please support Reform Bill HF2222 and or the TRA proposal of 60 and 30. Teachers deserve this, and our students deserve to learn from energetic, enthusiastic young people who choose teaching as their profession.

Sincerely,

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