Dear LCPR members,

I am writing you as an elementary teacher in Stillwater, MN with 30 years experience. I am 52 years old and due to teaching 5 years in a private school, having 2 children and fighting breast cancer, my years of service is just over 20 years. My entire professional career has been about supporting students, even when it meant putting my health and recovery to the side. I returned from my cancer recovery early due to the pandemic and put the needs of my students and families above my own to support them in the uncertain times of distance learning.

Please support Pension Reform for Tier II teachers by voting in support of HF3100 (Her) and SF3162 (Frenz). Tier II teachers in Minnesota have one of the worst teacher pensions in the nation and it is time for that embarrassing narrative to change. Teachers spend their careers putting others first and deserve pension reform. It is time for teachers to self advocate and stand up for what is just. Now is the time for change, please help us!

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