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Greetings Ms. Diesslin,

I have been teaching 28 years in Minnesota's Public Schools. I am asking that you support HF3100 (60 and 30). A bill that makes teacher pensions (almost) equitable for Tier I and Tier II teachers. The benefits between the two groups are like the Grand Canyon, with Tier II teachers not being able to retire until AGE 66 with full benefits. If Tier II teachers chose to retire "early" they face draconian penalties to the pension THEY PAID INTO. Bottom line, more money needs to be put into reforming teachers pensions.

As educators we deserve the ability to retire with financial security. Pensions that we have paid into provide educators with a guaranteed, reliable source of retirement income. Pensions are a tool to attract and retain, experienced educators to the profession. Please make fixing the Tier II pension plan a top priority. The current system is clearly not equitable or just. Now is perfect time to change this disparity. Please listen to the people in the trenches you represent and do the right thing.

NOW IS THE TIME!

Thanks for your time,

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