



April 6, 2026

Minnesota Legislative Commission on Pension and Retirement
658 Ceder Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF3828 / HF3512 – Maple Plain Fire Relief Association

Dear Commission Members:

As President of the Maple Plain Fire Relief Association, thank you for your recent passage of SF 3897/ HF 3703: Modifying the process for terminating a firefighter relief association retirement plan. Your support of Fire Relief Associations forced to terminate is appreciated and I know our fellow firefighters from departments affected is greatly appreciated.

I'm writing to request the Legislative Commission on Pension and Retirement support SF3828/HF3512 and the amendment presented before you.

Maple Plain Fire Relief Association membership met on Monday, March 30 and voted 13-1 in favor of withdrawing our Special Fund money from PERA. This is the official stance and position of the Maple Plain Fire Relief Association.

I respect Trustee Board member Troy Denneson's right to state his personal perspective. However, the Relief Association membership has directed the Relief Association to proceed with these steps to ensure all members who have served their communities so well are paid fully and fairly without the calculations of present value.

The City of Maple Plain made the decision to terminate the Maple Plain Fire Department, terminating all Firefighters from our positions as Maple Plain Firefighters. This decision was very difficult after nearly 100 years of operation. In the process we joined the PERA SVF Plan because we thought it was a safe and secure place to hold our funds while we went through and completed the termination of our plan.

When our relief association members and City Officials found out that the assets of the relief association would not be fairly distributed amongst members, many members, under 50 and over 50 expressed concerns of this inequity. The city shared this concern.

This led to a long and involved process where we worked with the city to come to a fair resolution. That effort has been complicated a bit because the relief association joined the statewide volunteer fire fund.

I ask that you support the local decision that was made which will treat all of the volunteer members in an equitable manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Justin McCoy

President

Maple Plain Fire Relief Association