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To: Senator Steve Conway
Select Committee on Pension Policy
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Senator Conway;

As an educator in our state for the past 34 years, I am asking that you and your committee consider passing a True Rule of 90 for retiring educators in our state. I am still working and realize that this legislation may not pass in my time, but my son and daughter are both educators in our state and I am hoping that they will continue to teach and work in our state. They know that we have the worst retirement system in the United States (only state in the Union where an educator must work until the age of 65 to receive full pension benefit), and they are actively seeking employment in other states.

I would hope that the legislature would see the benefits of improving our current system by making retirement more attractive to aging educators like myself, and having the increased ability to hire younger (and cheaper) educators and being able to keep them. Thank you for your consideration.

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