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Select Committee on Pension Policy
C/O
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Honorable Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy,

I am a LEOFF 1 Fire retiree. I was hired in May 1973 and served for just shy of 31 years with the Tacoma Fire Dept. retiring in Feb. 2004. As a military reservist I was called to active duty within 2 weeks after the attack on our country on Sept. 11th 2001 and served for just over 14 months until Dec. 2002. Upon being honorable discharged I returned to my career with the Fire Dept.

I was injured on the job in 2003 and qualified for a disability pension that took affect in Aug of 2004. The disability retirement limited my benefit to 25 years or 50% of my final average salary. The 14 months I served was **not** calculated for the benefit I now receive.

I respectfully request the SCPP consider recommending retirement pension credit for those of us that proudly served our nation in time of need and retired with a disability limiting the number of years of service for pension credit calculation.

If for some reason there is a conflict with the 'disability' (Federally tax exempt) vs. a 'service' (taxable) pension; I request that the SCPP consider extending the time of military service for consideration at least in a taxable form.

The appropriate RCW sections below I believe indicate legislative intent that military service be recognized and support my position.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this important and principled matter.

RCW 41.18.150

Credit for military service.

Every Every person who was a member of the fire department at the time he or she entered and served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war, whether as a draftee, or inductee, and who shall have been discharged from such armed forces under conditions other than dishonorable, shall have added and accredited to his or her period of employment as a firefighter his or her period of war or peacetime service in the armed forces: PROVIDED, That such added and accredited service shall not as to any individual exceed five years.

RCW 41.26.190

Credit for military service.

Each person affected by this chapter who at the time of entering the armed services was a member of this system, and has honorably served in the armed services of the United States, shall have added to the period of service as computed under this chapter, the period of service in the armed forces: PROVIDED, That such credited service shall not exceed five years

Respectfully,
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