

Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Miner, Representative France and members of the Appropriations Committee,

This email is in reference to bill HB 6439 and in reference to the March 9,2021 public hearing.

Presently, retired teachers are under represented on the Board. The 12 member TRB includes 4 active teachers but only 2 retired teachers. Of the two retired teachers, only one participates in the TRB's health insurance plan. **In 2020 there were approximately 50,000 active teachers and approximately 38,000 retired teachers. In order for the TRB to administer our retirement program in the best interest of our retirees, I believe there is a need for a more balanced and fair representation on the board.**

I'm a retired teacher from Bristol Public Schools and my spouse and I participate in the insurance offered by the TRB to retired teachers. I urge you to add more retired teachers to your board. Thank you for your consideration.

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