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**Reference to Raised SB1080 Addresses revisions to the Teachers' Retirement System., March 26, 2021 public hearing.**

To the Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Patrick Hickey, a retired teacher from the Bristol, CT school system. I am contacting you asking your support of an additional elected retired teacher to the TRB.

The TRB manages our pension and health insurance plans, it is important that retired teachers have adequate representation on the Board. Presently, retired teachers are underrepresented on the Board. The 11 member TRB includes 4 active teachers but only 2 retired teachers. Of the two retired teachers, only one participates in a 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 all retirees, we must have an additional elected retired teacher on the Board who will solely represent retired teachers.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hickey