

Testimony in Support of SB 1082

March 28, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs, Senator Osten and Representative Walker, Vice-Chairs Senator Hartley, Representative Dathan and Representative Nolan, and Ranking Members Senator Miner and Representative France, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Bonnie Barnes and I am a resident of East Haddam. I am a retired Connecticut teacher (June 2016) who taught full-time in Connecticut for thirty-one years. I have been involved in the activities of the ARTC for about two years, thus my great interest in SB 1082.

I am writing in Support of SB 1082: **AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND TERM LIMITS FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, A CAP ON CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEES PAID BY THE BOARD, AND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.**

I am especially interested in supporting this bill in order to add an additional retired teacher to the Board, which would more align to the number of retired teachers in our population, and I also respectfully request that this person be a stakeholder enrollee in a TRB healthcare plan.

I would like to thank you for offering an Original Medicare Supplement Plan as one of the choices for retired teachers and I hope such an offer will continue. This is important so as to provide assurance to retirees that Original Medicare will be protected.

I am asking the committee to vote "Yes" and to support SB 1082 for retired Connecticut teachers.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of this State's retired teachers.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Barnes
East Haddam