

Dear Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Michael Makarewicz a retired teacher having taught in the Greenwich School system for 36 years. I am a former resident of Greenwich. I am writing to support SB 1082. I am a member of CEA-R, SFCRTA, and ARTC, retired teacher organizations.

I am not going to dissect the tenets of the bill, it certainly has been covered by many distinguished people. What I am asking is that you support the pending bill and pass the legislation. The TRB is our focal point when we need answers to our questions. I know they are overworked and need an extra advisory person.

Regarding the health insurance aspect of the bill, it is important for retired teachers to have options regarding their health care. It is important to have clear information that will help us to navigate the health care system and as we age it is doubly important that information is crystal clear and insurance cards are clearly delineated so they will not cause issues in bill payments.

I want to thank all of the people at TRB for their assistance in obtaining needed forms and correct health information.

Sincerely,

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