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Written Testimony in Favor of Passing 2024--H7249

Members of The House Finance Committee,

I am writing this testimony to inform you that I am in favor of H7249. As a current state employee, I think this is one of the benefits that we could use since it was taken away in 2011. This will help out so many of us due to the recent hike with inflation. I have been employed by the state since 2012 and it seems many of the great incentives to work for the state are slowly disappearing. I see it everyday as we have way too many critical FTE jobs to fill in various agencies. One of the reasons they are not being filled is due to not having incentives to work for the state such as longevity and lower salaries.

Thank you,

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