

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Kristine Monje <kristinemonje@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2025 7:22 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Support for H- 6238 attn: Christopher O'Brien

Dear Representatives,

As a newly retired educator in the State of Rhode Island for 34 years, I employ you to support House Bill H-6238. Today, the landscape for retired teachers is far from what was promised when our careers began decades ago. The economy and cost of living has made it almost impossible for a widow, like myself, to maintain the standard of living I once had before collecting my pension. Reinstatement of a COLA, that I was promised at the beginning of my career, would better support me through the last half of my life. Teachers have contributed to the fund that supports this COLA, and because of this, there will be no fiscal impact on the general fund, I hope you can help move this bill forward. Maintaining a mechanism for retirees to keep in-step with the cost of living not only impacts current retirees, but also sends a message to new teachers that teaching really is a good profession that not only supports our future society, but one that takes care to support those educators who gave so much of their lives to others.

Please support this bill, and thank you for serving our state,

Best,

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