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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Support for H-6238

Dear Finance Committee Members:

I am a 2009 retired Rhode Island teacher from the Chariho School District. I taught for over thirty years. Throughout those years, I have contributed to the pension fund. I was led to believe that all of the money that I contributed would be used to guarantee a retirement with dignity. Although the monetary benefits of teachers did not keep up with other college and university professions, the rewards of being in the classroom were priceless. Upon retirement, I was told that after three years, I would be receiving an annual COLA. This COLA will increase my yearly income to keep up with the rising cost of life (what some people call the Golden Years). Since my retirement, because of inflation, my monthly pension seems to get less and less. Food, medicine, health care, taxes, utilities and other expenses increased. My monthly pension can only be stretched so far. I need your help with bill H-6238. This bill will bring relief after so many years of trying to catch up with inflation. Please do everything that you can to guarantee that his bill will be successful in the Legislature.

Thank you,
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