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Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Rule of 90 legislation, Bills 2023-H-5092 and 2023-S86. My name is Alexandra Rodriguez, and I have been a dedicated educator in the Providence Public School system for over 20 years.

Throughout my career, I have committed myself to serving the students and families of Rhode Island with professionalism, care, and perseverance. Like many veteran teachers, I have devoted decades to the classroom, often going above and beyond the demands of the job to ensure student success. However, the physical, emotional, and mental demands of teaching are significant, and they only increase over time.

The Rule of 90 legislation represents a fair and reasonable approach to retirement for long-serving educators. It acknowledges the years of service educators have already given while providing a pathway to retire with dignity once they have reached a combined age and years of service totaling 90. This policy would not only support the well-being of veteran teachers but also help create opportunities for new educators to enter the profession.

Supporting experienced teachers as they transition out of the workforce is an investment in the future of our education system. It ensures that classrooms continue to be led by passionate and capable individuals, while also honoring those who have dedicated their lives to public service.

I respectfully urge you to support and pass Bills 2023-H-5092 and 2023-S86. Your leadership on this issue will make a meaningful difference in the lives of educators across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Rodriguez
Providence Public School Teacher