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**To: House Finance Committee  
Rhode Island General Assembly**

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing as a Providence teacher to ask you to support the Rule of 90 retirement legislation currently under your consideration.

In our district, it is common to work alongside educators who have dedicated 25 or more years to the classroom. Over time, you begin to see the true cost of that commitment—not just in long hours, but in the physical and emotional toll the job takes.

Many of us have watched respected colleagues reach a point where they are exhausted but unable to retire. Some continue working despite serious health concerns because they have not yet reached retirement eligibility under the Rule of 95. Others never make it to retirement at all. These are educators who gave their lives to their students, yet never had the chance to enjoy the retirement they worked so hard to earn.

At the same time, the rising cost of living in Rhode Island makes it increasingly difficult for teachers to plan for the future.

The Rule of 90 would offer a more reasonable and humane path forward, allowing educators to retire with dignity, while opening opportunities for new teachers to enter the profession.

I respectfully urge you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Donna Marcaccio  
Providence Teacher

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