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Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing to urge your support for the Rule of 90 for Providence teachers.

Teaching is a demanding profession, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Under the current Rule of 95, many educators are required to continue working long past the point where their health and well-being begin to decline. Some never even reach retirement in good health.

The Rule of 90 would offer a more compassionate and realistic path. It would recognize the years of dedication teachers have already given and allow them to retire before burnout and health issues take a greater toll.

This change would also benefit our schools. When veteran teachers are supported, and new educators are able to enter the profession, students ultimately receive a stronger educational experience.

Our teachers deserve a system that values their service and protects their well-being.

I respectfully ask you to support the Rule of 90.

Sincerely,
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