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I am writing in support of the "rule of 90" bill.

I have been an educator for 30 years. I am a Providence resident, my children went to Providence Schools, I was PPDS's teacher-of-the-year, and I can count on two hands the number of school days I have missed since 1996.

I JUST missed the cut-off for being vested when the retirement system was overhauled all those years ago. While I understand that folks are living longer and the current pension system was unsustainable, I also know that when I signed up for this career the deal was NOT what it is now: that I would have to complete AT LEAST 40 years in order to be eligible to retire. I feel that 35 years at a career like this should be enough. While I may WANT to stay on after 35 years, as I still love my job and my kiddos, I don't feel that I should be forced to.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

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