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SUPPORT HB 929.

I am here today in support of HB 929. My constituent, Mr. Albright, has been a valued teacher in the state of Maryland for many years. He is being denied his rightful retirement benefits because he is still working. He works for both Harford Community College part time and fulltime with Baltimore City Schools, both of which belong to the Maryland state pension system. He is being told that in order for him to be able to draw his benefits he must sever all employment with any employer that is a member of the system, which both of these are. He is being told this is to prevent an in-service distribution, which it would not be. This situation does not occur frequently and only impacts Mr. Albright and a select few retirees. I am seeking a simple legislative solution to remedy this issue so that this situation does not occur again and disrupt benefits to our retirees who have put in their many years of valuable service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lauren C. Arikan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lauren C. Arikan

Delegate, District 7