

Dear Committee Members;

I am hoping to be a voice for myself and the people who can not attend the hearing. First we would like to thank you for your service to our great state and its constituents. Second we are asking you to vote YES to SB349.

We understand the need to decrease the cost of retirement benefits in the future. But we are asking you delete a certain group from that act.

We are asking you to protect those of us that:

- Entered state service before 2011

(when legislation was first introduced)

And

- Retired before 2020

(when legislation was to be implemented.)

We are the most vulnerable group of retirees.

- Many are older and have more health problems.
- Many of us have greater need for medication.
- We are the least able to find employment to offset the increased costs under Medicare Part D.
- Many of us are the group most challenged to understand and navigate the Medicare website.

We ask, not only for ourselves, but for those too old and or sick to speak for themselves.

We pray, you understand, the significant negative impact this will have on our group of retirees. And we pray you will support our cause.

We need YOUR help.

Please vote yes, to pass SB 349.

Respectfully submitted,

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