

February 7, 2022

The Honorable Julie Rosen
Chair, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
2113 Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Avenue West
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Rosen and Committee Members,

I am writing to voice my support for HF 2690 and its Senate version SF 2614. This is the legislation that would allow veterans to “buy back” up to 15% or 5 years of credit into the MSRS – Minnesota State Patrol retirement plan for qualified military service.

As you well know, this benefit was extended to PERA members who are veterans in 2019 through this very committee.

By passing this into law you would not only correct the oversight from 2019 where MSRS members were excluded from this benefit but would also assist us in recruiting the best possible candidates for state law enforcement service.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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