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Good afternoon, Ms. Diesslin.

My name is Tracee Colgrove, and I'm a tier II educator in Pillager, MN.

Please accept this as my written testimony and reasoning for a **NO** vote on lowering the assumption rate, lowering my contribution rate and Increasing the COLAs at this time. ALL three of these items are in direct contradiction to the many of the long term goals of TRA and TIER II educators across MN that are seeking to lesson the divide between Tier I and Tier II educators in terms of retirement age and benefits.

MN TRA Leadership is and has been ALL Tier I members (Executive Direct, President and Vice-President), while they have been advising the LCRP. Tier II teachers have had a minimized voice for the 33 years as Tier I educators have led every education organization within the state. Over the past 33 years, This has created the HAVES (Tier I) and the HAVE NOTS (Tier II) within the TRA system. The HAVES have given LESS in contributions and will receive MUCH MORE in pensions and a decade shorter as an educator. Tier II educators will have contributed MUCH MORE and receive MUCH LESS in terms of pension and retirement benefits.

VOTE "NO" on lowering the assumption rate, lowering employee contributions and increasing COLAs. Tier II educators in MN deserve to have a voice and need advocates in the legislature to avoid a crisis in education.

Pillager, you can go anywhere from here!