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My name is Ryan B Saulsbury 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 lessen 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). Tier II teachers have had a minimized voice for the 33 years as Tier I instructors 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 work life. Tier II educators will have contributed MUCH MORE and receive MUCH LESS in terms of retirement age and retirement benefits.

VOTE "NO" on lowering the assumption rate, lowering employee contributions, and increasing COLAs. The TRA fund is in better to support a lower retirement age NOW than when you were granting Tier I educators the rule of 90. Tier II educators in MN deserve to have a voice and need advocates in the legislature to avoid a crisis in education.

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