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To: Rep. Laddie Shaw
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Mr. Shaw,

As a firefighter with AFD I am writing you to encourage the advancement of HB 22. As you know, the lack of a retirement for public safety employees is affecting the departments' ability to recruit and retain those individuals who put their lives on the line for others.
These young men and women sign up to perform an essential service for the community. At the expense of their physical and mental health. Over twice the risk of the general population for cancer, years of sleep deprivation, and daily exposure to trauma. Many of these individuals will experience physical injuries during their careers and find themselves reaching 25 years of service at age 50. Too young to access any dividends from their PERS tier 4. In addition, recent fluctuations illustrate the uncertainty they will face relying on the market. The lack of a retirement for these men and women is a disservice to their sacrifice.
While not as good as tier 3, HB 22 is a significant improvement over our current system. I hope you will consider advancing this bill.

Best Regards,
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