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I am a middle school educator in Bend, Oregon. I have been teaching since 1997. In that time, I have experienced cuts to my retirement and health benefits several times. In fact, our legislators have made it impossible for my wife and I to both accept insurance benefits for our family. Even though this is part of my contractually bargained contract. I have also taken several pay freezes during my career. All of this during a time when Oregon has neglected to fund education at a level where I can serve my students at the level they deserve. The unfunded liability of Tier 1 PERS recipients is not an issue current employees created and is a responsibility of all Oregonians. It should not be on the backs of teachers, fire fighters, and police officers.

According to PERS analysis, this will cut my IAP by 12.5%. This is a substantial cut to a retirement that is already a fraction of what I was promised when I started teaching. Teachers are leaving the profession because it has become too much for far too little.

Please stop cutting my retirement and health insurance!

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Sent from my iPhone