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The Honorable Adam Mathews  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street  
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Dear Chairman Mathews,

As the House Pensions Committee prepares to consider House Bill 78, I would like to take this opportunity to express support for House Bill 78, as it was amended in committee on June 13, 2023, on behalf of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio).

The bill, as amended, would permit re-employed retirees of STRS Ohio to serve on the Board as a retired teacher member. Current statute prohibits these retirees from serving on the Board in any capacity. It is the position of the STRS Board that re-employed retirees should have the same right to serve on the Board as other retirees, so their membership on the board should be limited to serving as a retired teacher member.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to share this information. I welcome any questions related to STRS Ohio's position on HB 78 or any issue related to the system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marla Bump". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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