



Ohio House Pension Committee
HB 296, Interested Party Written Testimony
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Chairman Mathews, Vice Chair King, Ranking Member Lightbody, and members of the House Pensions Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony as an Interested Party for House Bill 296. My name is Myran Jackson, a Professional Fire Fighter from Cleveland Fire Department, Local 93.

My Story

I have been a firefighter for twenty-two years. I have my Associate's Degree in Human Services also I am an Ohio Chemical Dependency Counsellor Assistant.

Generational Firefighters – Its In My Blood

I became a firefighter because I wanted to serve my community and make a difference. I was fortunate to have a father and uncle that were firefighters by the time I was sixteen years old. My father, uncle, and the firefighters I met at the station were the biggest influence on my decision to become a firefighter.

The Pension Provides Me With A Peace Of Mind

As I look back over the past twenty-two years, I understand how important having a pension is to my quality of life. Firefighting is more than a career, it is a lifestyle. We are different people because of this job, it changes you. We take this job home with us. Our pension provides us a chance to live. A chance to spend time with our family without bring the job home. The money our pension provides allows us to make up for those holidays, birthdays, and anniversary we missed because we had to work. Our pensions are such a big part of the sacrifice we make to be public servants.

I respectfully request you to vote in favor of HB 296.