



Massachusetts Retirees United
314 Main Street - Unit 105
Wilmington, MA 01887

Dear Lynn Retired Teacher,

During your professional career you relied on the then Massachusetts Federation of Teachers to watch out for your best interests. In the world of retirement who is watching out for us? We hope you will see that Massachusetts Retirees United has the best interests of retirees at heart.

We are having re-filed at the state level a number of bills to address the injustices metered on those retired. Massachusetts Retirees United is conducting a survey on legislative issues. Those that have a computer will have the ability to do it on line. We will be creating a database in order to get word to the people who fall into each category concerning information on their bill(s). We have no question concerning the COLA as that affects almost all, and will be dealt with in the newsletter or through general emails. It takes less than 5 minutes to take the survey and the information is invaluable to us so please help!

By going to www.retireesunited.org you will see on the home page two different spots where you can click on the link that says Legislative Survey. When you are finished taking the survey just hit submit and I will receive it. If you do not have email simply call 1-617-482-1568 or 1-800-680-6077 and leave name and phone # and I will call and do the survey on line. It takes two minutes. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN MRU MEMBER TO TAKE THE SURVEY.** We need everyone!

Massachusetts Retirees United (MRU) was founded not only to unite retirees of the Commonwealth, but also to keep them informed, updated, and educated on issues that directly affect them as retirees. All too often budgets are balanced at the state, federal and local level at the expense of older Americans. This Organization feels that by uniting retirees, and educating them on certain issues, they will find their voice. We are also troubled with those that prey on retirees.

MRU is an organization run by retirees for retirees. We are also watchful about bills filed for retirees at the federal level. We are part of a national coalition working for the repeal of the WEP/GPO, which affects the amount of Social Security you will collect if you are eligible for a state pension. We are concerned about the penalty and surcharge applied to Medicare B. We will be working in the next session at the federal level to allow you to continue to subtract your health care premiums from your pension as you did from your salary before it is federally taxed.

Please join us, as we want to keep you updated on retirement issues. All membership dues go into benefits for you, as volunteers perform all of our leadership tasks. There aren't any paid positions. You will get so much for your \$20 yearly membership fee, two years \$35. In addition to receiving MRU newsletters, you will also receive other publications on a regular basis. On our website: www.retireesunited.org you can learn more about us from legislation filed, to free seminars offered to those about to retire and those already retired.

Please consider joining us today by using the application on the back of this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marie A. Ardito
Information Coordinator
Massachusetts Retirees United

Application for Membership
Massachusetts Retirees United
P.O. Box 4015, Chelmsford, MA 01824-0615

Check One New Member_____ Renewal_____

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Retired From _____Telephone_____

Date Retired_____

Email Address_____

1 Year \$20._____ 2 Years \$35_____

Please make check payable for the appropriate amount to Massachusetts
Retirees United (Please do not send cash)