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Representative Erica Layon, Chair
Executive Departments and Administration
Granite Place, Room 231
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chair Layon, Vice Chair Slottje and Members of the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee:

I want to thank you Madam Chair and members of the committee for taking my testimony in support of HB 1170 today, which provides a modest supplemental allowance for certain retired Group II members of the New Hampshire Retirement System who have been retired for many years. These retirees—many of whom served as state troopers, firefighters, and corrections officers—spent their careers in physically demanding and often dangerous public service. Many retired before more recent pension reforms and have seen the purchasing power of their fixed incomes eroded over time. This bill recognizes that reality and offers a reasonable, targeted adjustment for those who have waited the longest.

HB 1170 is thoughtful and responsible in its design. It limits eligibility, uses clear formulas, funds the benefit through the general fund rather than the retirement system itself, and permanently incorporates the allowance into the base annuity for administrative simplicity. This is not a broad expansion or an unfunded promise; it is a measured step to honor long-serving public employees while maintaining fiscal discipline. Supporting retirees who protected our communities and upheld the rule of law is both fair and consistent with New Hampshire's values. For those reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote Ought to Pass on HB 1170.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Liot", written over a horizontal line.

Karen Liot Hill
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