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Representing the interests of 500,000 New York state and local government retirees

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

S.8388, by Senator Harckham
A.7866, by Member of Assembly Zebrowski

The Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA) representing the interests of public sector retirees supports this bill which would prevent a diminution of health insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents.

Public sector employees spend their entire careers providing essential services at all levels of government in the state. They fully anticipate that upon retirement, the benefits in place at the time will remain, and not be diminished. If a lesser benefit were to occur, retirees may see a reduced access to medical care, long pre-authroization procedures, and the need to switch providers. All this would be a detriment to the physical well-being of retirees.

For the reasons stated above, RPEA strongly supports this bill, and recommends the it be passed by the Legislature.