Massachusetts Retirees United

314 Main Street

Unit 105

MRU LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

We need your help in forming our legislative agenda for the next session. Please take some time to review our survey, leave comments, make suggestions, and return to us either via email of snail mail, If using email, please be sure to give address as this program does not automatically give us your email address.

SURVEY

1. At the national level we are hopeful and continue to fight for the repeal of the Social Security GPO (Government Pension Offset) that denies spousal Social Security benefits if the survivor receives a state pension, and the WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) that penalizes state pension retirees who have also contributed to Social Security by working at part time jobs. **Please let us know if you want us to continue this battle.**

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2. At the state level we will continue to press for an increase to the base for the Cost Of Living Adjustments. It has been increased from $12,000.00 to $13,000.00 giving us a huge $30.00 per year increase! We would like to press for the base to be at least $16,000.00. **How do you feel about this?**

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3. We will continue to argue for fairness for the Option B and Option C retirees who retired prior to July 2004. This bill would give those retirees the same rates for those two options as the current retirees enjoy. **Comment.**

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4. We are dedicated to veterans and hope for passage of our Veterans' Bill which will add up to four years of creditable service towards their total years for all who retired prior to July 24, 1996. **Comment.**

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5. We were instrumental in increasing the amount one may earn working in the public sector after retirement by $15,000. We want to hear if you would like us to adjust or eliminate the 960 hours in the next session. Please, if the hours adversely affect you tell us the type of work you are doing in the public sector? **Comment**

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Now it is your turn. What issues that affect you as a former teacher, retiree, homeowner, Social Security contributor, consumer, Medicare recipient, or widow or widower, do you want us to fight for. Please let us know. You are the best line of defense against those who want to scapegoat retirees as the group that is destroying the economy of our country. You have to be involved and informed all the time. That is one of the missions of the MRU. Please help yourself by helping us with this survey!

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Thank you for assisting us in this important matter.