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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Missoula Rural Fire District IAFF Local 2457 I am writing in opposition of HB 373. The Montana State Fireman's Association has fought long and hard to pass legislation that includes our Fire District in the FURS retirement system. We are extremely grateful for the work that was done on our behalf. This is an important step in providing for the long term financial security of our members.

When given the opportunity to join the FURS system, our membership was well aware of conditions involved in switching from PERS to FURS. The FURS system proved to be beneficial to the majority of our members. Lifting the current age restriction is a step backward in our continuing effort to maintain a solvent system that provides for those of us who serve in this profession.

Sincerely,

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