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The CSEA strongly supports this legislation.

This legislation amends section 92-a of the General Municipal Law to require municipalities to notify retirees at least 30 days prior to changing their health benefits.

The continually increasing costs of health care have an especially significant impact on retirees. For those living on a fixed income, any change in premiums or co-pays can substantially impact their budgets and financial well-being. Unfortunately, current law does not require a municipality to provide retirees with any notice when approving or amending a health insurance plan that covers retirees and their families.

Protecting the financial well-being of retirees should be a priority for all New Yorkers. By requiring municipalities to provide notice to retirees at least 30 days prior to any change in premium or substantive change in coverage, this bill will ensure that retired public servants are provided with sufficient notice to plan for any increase in out-of-pocket expenses.

On behalf of 300,000 active and retired public and private employees across New York State, CSEA urges passage of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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