

Dear Representative/Senator _____

My name is _____ and I am a retired educator from _____ . I retired with _____ years of experience. (Add something personal about your educational experiences.)

I am writing to ask that you oppose **HB 680** authored by Representative Mark Wright calling for a constitutional convention. I am concerned about this bill for several reasons. As a retired teacher, I am concerned about the protection of my retirement benefits.

According to Article 29, Section A of the current constitution, Louisiana guarantees my retirement benefits for life. If a constitutional convention were to occur, my greatest fear is that this guarantee would be removed.

Aside from my retirement benefits, I am also concerned about the guaranteed funding to public schools through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP). Any budgetary items guaranteed by the Louisiana Constitution are up for grabs. I may be retired from the classroom, but my heart remains with our current educators and Louisiana's children. I am worried that a constitutional convention would create more instability than what Representative Wright is suggesting.

Please oppose House 680. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Regards (or closing of your choice),