

## MRU

### WHY MRU?

MRU:

...is an organization composed of people who:

- ✦ Are working to insure that federal and state budgets are not balanced on the backs of seniors.
- ✦ Are retired or about to retire and want to care for each other, and show evidence of this through actions. Actions speak louder than words!
- ✦ Have the experience to connect with other retirees.
- ✦ Have high professional standards.
- ✦ Concentrate on selective bills so that they can be fully researched and presented.

It is not easy growing older in America. We are living in a very uncertain and tenuous period of time where businesses and the public sector are finding it difficult to offer health insurance and pension benefits. Retirees are at risk, as their benefits are being reduced and even eliminated, and they have no voice. MRU is their voice.

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### GOALS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS RETIREES UNITED

**MRU:**

- ✦ Aims to unite active and retired public sector employees so they can better protect their rights.
- ✦ Helps seniors recognize the power that is theirs as a collective group. A united voice will be heard.
- ✦ Is dedicated to educating present and future retirees on issues pertinent to their retirement.



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### BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO MASSACHUSETTS RETIREES UNITED (MRU)

**MRU:**

- ✦ Presents upon request free retirement seminars.
- ✦ Sends a quarterly newsletter containing articles focusing on important issues facing older Americans.
- ✦ Arranges regional meetings to update members on relevant topics.
- ✦ Has an informative web site.
- ✦ Is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO.
- ✦ Is affiliated with over 1.4 million retirees nation wide.
- ✦ Has professional advocates at the state and federal levels.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
MASSACHUSETTS RETIREES UNITED  
P.O. BOX 4015, CHELMSFORD, MA 01824-0615

CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
RETIRED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RETIRED OR RETIRING \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

1 YEAR RENEWAL \$20     2 YEAR RENEWAL \$35

PLEASE MAKE CHECK FOR \$20 PAYABLE TO :

**MASSACHUSETTS RETIREES UNITED** (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

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## ISSUES

MRU is committed to educating retirees on issues so they can intelligently lobby. Some of the present issues are:

- Repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) attached to Social Security.
- Repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) attached to Social Security.
- Protection of health benefits for all retirees.
- Allowing retirees the benefit of subtracting their health care premium costs from their Pension/Social Security before federal and state taxation.
- Raising the base of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).
- Extending the penalty reductions of Options B & C of the State Pension selection to all who retired prior to July 1, 2004.
- Assuring retirees representation and a vote on all local Insurance Advisory Committees (IAC), as mandated by state law.

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EXERCISING THEIR  
POWER THROUGH  
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