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Hello, My name is Jim Furrow. I am a mental health worker at Riverview Outpatient Services. I have been employed by Riverview/AMHI for 38 years. Sadly, I lost out on the original retirement agreement I was hired under (25 years of service with 2.25 penalty for retiring prior to age 60). I was a few months shy of the July 1 1993 deadline when the vesture was changed. Having said that I can't express enough the difference between being young and being old in this business. I have many physical and emotional scars from my years of service. I feel very strongly that all the dedicated and caring employees that work at Riverview who are willing to make a career out of their jobs at the hospital and are unable to retire at a reasonable age should at least be compensated with a decent pay check. My time with the state is coming to an end soon, but those who are left to carry the torch should not only be praised for for what they do for for the citizens of Maine but compensated for it as well.