**Sample Letter to Local Union Requesting Support for Providing Retiree Chapter in Bylaws**

Dear (name of local president):

Although we have joined the ranks of retired members, our interest in union activism has not gone away. Therefore, we would like to express proudly our interest in continuing to support the work of the (name of local) through the formation of a retiree chapter.

In an effort to organize retiree activism and to provide support to our in-service sisters and brothers, we are requesting a letter of support from the (name of local) executive board for the establishment of a retiree chapter that can serve as a readily available resource of assistance for work of the (name of local) . At the same time, we want to provide for a chapter’s own retired members focused attention on professionals working in education and the issues that most concern them.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with the (name of local) executive board as soon as possible to discuss the inclusion in your bylaws of formal support for such a retiree chapter with language used by other AFT locals around the country.

We also would welcome having a discussion with you about the specific ways you would like the (name of local) and its newly formed retiree chapter to work cooperatively together in the future.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

**In solidarity,**
(Names of interim retiree chapter facilitators)