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To whom it may concern:

I graduated from the University of Washington in 1964. My first position as a science teacher was at Coupeville Secondary School on Whidbey Island.. I taught there for two years and was recruited to North Thurston high school in Lacey, Washington where I taught for 28 yrs.

After completing 30 years of teaching, I retired in 1994 because it was apparent that the combination of state and local contracts would cause a loss of pay. I spent the next half year as a substitute teacher. At that time, there was a maximum days that a retired teacher was allowed to substitute; so I looked for other employment.

I am no longer able to work because in 2014 I had brain surgery and am unable to drive. That operation left me unable to properly maintain my home of 40years. We had to sell it and move into a retirement community. Unfortunately, each year we get a cost of living increase in monthly rent. After this combination of events, it is obvious why I strongly favor the idea of an annual COLA for those of us retired from state employment who still do not have one. Thank you!!

Sincerely,  
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