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To the Select Committee on Pension Policy... Hello,

I am a Washington State Teacher Retiree who taught from 1969 to 2005. Therefore, I am a Plan 1 Retiree, and am now in my 19th year of retirement.

As you know, Plan 1 is the only retirement plan without a permanent COLA. I was retired for almost 15 years before I saw ANY increase in my monthly pension, for which I worked and paid into for 36 years. Since then, I think we have had several one year increases, but without any promise of it being permanent.

It almost feels like we are the ugly stepchildren. We would appreciate the attention given to the Police and Fire retirements.

I urge you to make this Cola permanent!

Thank you, Karen Coulson 7243 Husky Way SE Olympia, WA 98503

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