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I retired in 1990 after 34 ½ years of state employment. I was in PERS as an accountant secretary to the County Engineer in Walla Walla for 11 ½ years and 23 years in TRS as a teacher in Walla Walla County (Prescott and Walla Walla) for a total of 34 ½ years. When Jeanette Hayner was in office, she worked to make it possible to have portability between the two retirement plans and I was granted 30 years of the 34 ½ years to qualify for retirement. As a consequence I belong to both retirement plans.

I think it is only fair that we be treated at least as well as the Plan 2 and Plan 3 retirees. After all, It was our funds that were used to bail out the state in the past. I have been forced to go into a retirement home in Lacey Washington to be near my family as my health will soon require their help in the future. I am also facing a rental raise November 1<sup>st</sup>. I am 92 years old and may not be around too much longer. I worked my way through college and worked hard to obtain a masters degree in education . I also took additional courses when they would help me do a better job working with my students.

I would appreciate your doing all you can to help us get the raise which I feel we are entitled to.

Thank you,

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