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## Hello,

I am a Plan 2 member and a member of the Retired Public Employees Council, Chapter 7, in Bellingham. I retired after 30 years working with abused vulnerable children and adults. I joined DSHS knowing I would not have as manageable a caseload or be paid as well as what I would if I worked in the private sector. But I was told that I would be respected. This would show up as both an adequate wage while working and later in my retirement as a consistent and permanent COLA. A simple COLA. Nothing special. Like what Social Security provides. You know it disappears as quickly as it is forecasted. Prices are already going up on SS COLAs. So do the right thing, people. Show your respect for the people who worked in the trenches for the state, for the people, for you.

Thanks, John Graber

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