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Dear Committee Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy,

I am contacting you today in regards to the matter before you on November 16, making a decision on a COLA recommendation to the upcoming legislative session.

I retired under PERS 1 in 2011, after 37 years of service. As you know this was the year the PERS 1 COLA was also eliminated. Since 2011 living costs have risen and I have received a 1.5% COLA in 2018 and 3.0% COLA in 2020. The other pension systems administrated by the the Department of Retirement System have all received yearly COLA raises, and PERS 1 and TRS 1 should also receive an annual COLA.

I am asking you today to approve Option A as the preferred COLA option and forward your recommendation to the Legislature, so it can be acted on and signed into law. PERS 1 and TRS 1, members deserve a permanent COLA.

Thank you for your consideration in this request.

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