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I retired in 2007. I drove electric and diesel buses up and down the streets of Seattle. I drove buses through all of King County all the different routes. I was working every day with no air conditioning most of the time when it was 100° outside it was much hotter inside. I drove in snow that people found terrifying and in hundred mile an hour winds. I was pleasant to people, I made friends with my riders. I helped the police. I drove safely and made my bus a safe space every day as much as I could.

In 1977 in July when I started driving, I knew I had a pension and I knew I had a COLA to support it. I raised a family on my wages and now I need the cola to support me. I have tried not to leave the region because my grandchildren are here. But everything becomes more expensive and a lot of the things that I find expensive aren't even included when they measure the true cost of living.

The COLA was promised to me. I am not rich, I need it.

Thank you

Diane

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