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Dear Chair Conway and committee members,

My name is Claudia Ford and I am a Plan 1 retiree. I taught in the Walla Walla, WA school District for 40 years. As a member of the Select Committee on Pension Policy, I want to thank you for the 3% COLA I received in July.

I have been retired for 12 years. Within those 12 years my lost purchasing power due to inflation has been 34.03%. I have received three other COLA'S, but all of them were capped. It would be most helpful if I could receive an annual COLA.

While my income has not increased, inflation has. Just since June 2022 food is costing 13.9% more. This is due to the cost of fertilizer to grow our food. At the gas pump on Sept. 22, 2022, I paid \$4.54 for a gallon of regular gas. That was the same amount of money I paid for a gallon of regular gas on April 23, 2022. There was no relief in the price of gas. My property taxes for 2022 were \$4,092.03. Like others in my area, I made no improvements to my property, but I am being assessed an additional 28% taxes during 2023.

I realize within my budget I also need to be prepared for any unexpected financial emergencies.

Thank you for all your efforts that go into the fine job that you do.

Sincerely,

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