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I appreciate the 3% which we will receive in July, however I am disappointed in the way Plan 1 retirees are being treated. The increases we have been receiving do not come near covering inflation. It is interesting to note that the more recent plans are being treated more fairly.

I have had to sell my home in Walla Walla and move to Lacey Washington to be near my family because of health issues. As a result I am faced with over \$4,000.00 rental for retirement living. Every other retirement plan in Washington receives an annual COLA , but not PERS or TRS Plan 1. I worked for 12 + years for the WW County Engineer and 23 years as a teacher. I thought it was great when I was given portability where I was given 30 years credit for the over 35 years I spent working under these two plans. I didn't know that the COLA we received at that time would be eliminated and the State would start using our retirement funds for other expenses.

It is only fair that we be treated like the other retirement plans and receive a cost of living adjustment each year. This year we are over 7% below the cost of inflation. Please treat us fairly, we aren't going to be around much longer.

Thank you,
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