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**To:** Office State Actuary, WA  
**Subject:** Please advocate for Plan 1 educators

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Dear Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy:

My name is Suzanne Saylor. I retired in 2007 after 30 years in the Renton and Issaquah School Districts. I enjoyed my career as a Speech and Language Specialist, special educator and teacher advocate. I was fortunate in Issaquah to be part of an Elementary School staff for over 10 years. After my retirement I continued to advocate and educate parents and educators as a part of the WEA Special Education Cadre. As a founding member of the Cadre I traveled the state in support of our teachers, specialists, parents and most of all our students. I was proud to spend my professional life teaching/guiding/advocating for our state's young people. I retired from the WEA Cadre in 2014.

My husband, Les Saylor, retired from the Bellevue School District in 1997 after 30 years. Most of his career was at the Elementary level. He retired as an administrator of an Alternative High School. He too has worked actively in the Bellevue School District, and the Bellevue Education Association for the benefit of teachers, staff and students.

My husband and I are members of (TRS / PERS ) Plan 1 and do not receive a statutory COLA. This has meant that our pensions have not retained their purchasing power over time. When I retired in 2007, my monthly pension income was \$3559.14, before health costs and taxes. I now receive \$3643.78, which you can see leaves me far behind inflation. One example of the lapse is that when I retired my health co-pays were \$10. They are now \$30 for each appointment. Ouch!

My husband's 1997 monthly income was \$2270.33 and is now \$2396.70. That is a monthly gain of \$126.37 over 24 years. Ouch!!!

When you meet in October and November, please endorse legislation granting a Plan 1 COLA for the 2022 Legislative Session.

My living expenses continue to increase. It is imperative that Plan 1 retirees receive some help, and you are in the position to help advocate for us.

Please make a recommendation to the legislature.

Sincerely,

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