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Dear Members, Select Committee on Pension Policy;

I am writing to strongly urge you to support a permanent Cost of Living Increase for DRS, PERS 1 retirees. I am a retired member of DRS PERS 1. I gave my entire adult career, 42 years, to my public employer, King County.

I have been retired for 5 years, receiving no Annual COLA and only a very modest one time COLA during that time. Already in 5 years, I have seen my retirement allocation lessen my purchasing power due to inflation. Especially NOW, with inflation in the last several months reportedly reaching the highest inflation rate in the last 30 years.

PERS 1 Retirees need and deserve a consistent and annual COLA that will help us keep up even a moderate lifestyle for the coming decades. **Please vote YES for an Annual COLA for PERS 1 retirees!** Thank you.

Sincerely,

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