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To: Select Committee on Pension Policy From: Mary Lindsey, TRS Plan 1 Retiree

As a TRS Plan 1 retiree, I am writing to you in support of Option A. I retired from the Bellingham School District as a special education teacher in 2007 after teaching for 32 years. Since I retired, I have only received the partial one-time COLAs in 2018 and 2020. It is really time to make Plan 1 TRS and PERS whole by adjusting our pensions with a COLA every year just like all the other plans managed by the Washington State DRS. Our oldest teachers should not continue to lose purchasing power year after year. Having to choose between paying bills and paying for medications should not be how the state provides for our retired teachers on Plan 1. Thank you for your efforts to provide a fair system for TRS and PERS Plan 1 retirees.

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