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I am a PERS 1 retiree of two years, after 44 years of service to children and families, as a state social worker, in what is now DCYF. I am sending this to urge lawmakers to approve the COLA increase in retirement benefits for folks like myself, retired PERS 1 state workers. I live in King County, where property taxes are extremely high. This past year, we qualified for reduced utilities due to our relatively low retirement income. Property taxes are prohibitive and we struggle to be able to remain in the house we built almost 20 years ago. Had I not retired from state service when I did, I would now be making a fair and decent salary, comparable to the work involved, due to the significant salary increases since then & consequently, would have an increased retirement salary.

I am available for any information or testimony, if needed.

Thank you,

Maribeth Sheppard, MSW

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