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Dear Select Committee on Pension Policy,

I am writing in support of WSSRA's plan to offer a COLA during the 2023 session that would match the most current Consumer Price Index percentage as calculated by the Department of Retirement Systems. We older teachers are struggling, not only with only two COLAs since 2011, but with run-away inflation this year. Plan 1 retirees such as myself have lost 40% of our retirement dollar value. Our old age is not rosy because we decided to become teachers of our state's most valuable resource...children!

We are mostly women and many are widows. We lose 100 members every month. Support from our elected officials is desperately needed. Please support PERS 1/TRS 1 at your upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

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