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Hello,

I am a retired teacher here in Walla Walla. I retired in 2006 after a 38 year career as a MS and HS music teacher. Since my retirement I have taken on other part time jobs to help my wife and I with our expenses. However, it is becoming next to impossible to keep up with the rising prices for everything from groceries to gas, to housing taxes etc.

I was very pleased to see that TRS 1 will receive a 3% cola this year. This will help, but with the actual cost of living going up by 8%, I can see that my financial dilemma will continue to be a problem. Please know that I live a very modest life here with my wife.

I recently learned that in the state of Washington the TRS and PRS retirees are the only groups that don't receive an automatic yearly COLA. Hmmmm.....I don't get it. Many of us have dedicated our lives to teach the young people in our state and may I say we feel very unappreciated.

Please remember me and my fellow retirees as you make decisions that will impact us for years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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