I may be late with this communication but still would appreciate adding to the conversation regarding a permanent COLA to TRS Plan One retirees. I’m starting to fear living too long and in poverty. My husband has been able to supplement our monthly pension by working but the closer he gets to 80 the more we realize that we will have to plan on living on about 20 percent less each month. Without a yearly Cola we face cutting back and cutting back. And if I lose my husband to death I will be forced to take my arthritic back and knee into the classroom as a substitute teacher. Can you imagine in this day and age of COVID how that adds a layer of fear to the elderly?!! Lastly, knowing that all of the other pension plans in Washington have annual COLAs just smacks of discrimination to an elderly group of mostly women. That seems a shame. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Marilyn Morgan

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