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SCPP Committee,

I hope you are seriously looking at this issue this year again. The TRS/PERS Plan 1 is the only Washington State pension plan without a COLA built into it. Please recommend a 3% COLA or more for this 2024 year and a permanent COLA modeled on the Plan 2 TRS/PRS pension.

This situation needs to be remedied before these oldest retirees are forced into poverty. Most of these folks began their career with low wages by today's standard. \$6000 a year for a full-time teaching contract was a baseline which contributed to the amount received in pension payment. Recent inflation rates have made this situation more dire.

Thank you for your work and consideration,

Ann Chenhall, Thurston County School Retirees Association

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