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Dear SCPP Member,

As a Plan 1 retired teacher now in my eighties, my financial situation has become increasingly grim. Last year's one-time 3% increase to my small state pension was appreciated but far too small to do much to stop the steadily decreasing buying power of that pension. In the past year the Seattle area cost of living has increased 5.9%. Costs of purchases by us older retirees, groceries, medical expenses, rent or housing maintenance, have increased even more. I strongly urge you to recommend to the legislature another 3% pension increase this coming July and to move forward with a plan to give Plan 1 retirees a regular COLA similar to that of Plans 2 and 3 members. How can we plan for whatever future remains to us when every year we must come to legislators, begging bowls in hand, to plead for this small amount to offset our state's high and growing cost of living?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Edith Ruby

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