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**To:** Office State Actuary, WA

**Subject:** Pers 1 Cola

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I am a Pers 1 retiree while my wife is a Ters 1 retiree. I retired in 1999 while my wife retired in 2008. We greatly appreciate the Cola that the legislature granted us last year. With inflation at over 8% in 2022, and little hope for it dropping back to 2% in the next couple of years, approving a cola for 2023 would greatly assist us in being able to cope with the increasing cost we are feeling ranging from food, fuel and heat.

What would be even better for us and all other Pers 1 and Ters 1 retirees, would be for the legislature to pass legislation authorizing an annual Cola for all Pers 1 and Ters 1 retirees based on CPI. By taking this approach, this annual exercise would be put to bed.

On behalf of my wife and I, I would like to thank the committee for supporting a COLA for 2023 and hope you would consider authorizing an annual COLA for Pers 1 and Ters 1 retirees.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John R Edwards

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