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Dear Select Committee for Pension Policy Members,

Thank you so much for all of your work in the past few years to help Plans 1 TRS and PERS retirees receive an ad-hoc COLA and especially the ongoing work to pass a bill for us to receive an annual ongoing COLA! I really appreciate it so much!

Thank you for listening to our members over the years, and really taking the circumstances of lost buying power that most of our members are experiencing to heart. This is especially true of those members who have been retired the longest! It is disheartening to hear of the struggles of some retirees who have had difficulties staying in their homes due to the increases in property tax, as well as other expenses.

I am hoping we will have an opportunity to see the contents of the proposed bill at the October meeting!

Again, thank you very much!!

Sincerely, Gloria Smith Plan 1 TRS retiree

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