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**To:** Office State Actuary, WA **Subject:** Plan 1 retirees COLA

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Dear Chair Conway and committee members,

My name is Kathy Pritcher and I am a TRS 1 retiree. While I have only been retired 3 years and received a cost-of-living adjustment this year, I am concerned for my future. Plan 1 retirees have not received yearly COLAs and even when there are adjustments, they are not keeping up with inflation. I plan to live a long time so worry about my financial future. Gas, groceries, and property values are very high and not likely to come back to pre-Covid levels. I am asking you in the strongest possible terms to recommend a Plan 1 COLA to the 2023 Legislature. Knowing that I can count on yearly COLAs will help with my peace of mind about my financial future. Please help us secure this benefit that the other participants in TERS and SERS already have.

Sincerely, Kathy Pritcher 958 Carmella St Walla Walla, WA 99362

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