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Subject: Attention The Honorable Steve Conway. RE: Permanent PERS 1 COLA

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Dear Mr. Conway,

I am asking you and the members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy to take action soon to restore a permanent COLA to all PERS 1 retirees. The one-time COLA provided last year was helpful, but it did not address the problem of long-standing inequities for PERS 1 retirees, who lose purchasing power every year.

I worked at King County Jail for 30 years. The entire time I had the understanding that my pension would have an automatic annual COLA. After I retired, I was surprised and disappointed when the legislature removed the automatic COLA, something I had worked half my life for.

In addition to being necessary, fair and reasonable, it will relieve the legislature of the time and trouble of considering the COLA question every year.

I hope we can count on you and the other members of the committee to do the right thing and fix this problem for us.

Sincerely,

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