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From: Mary Lindsey, 2007 TRS Plan 1 Retiree

I am a TRS Plan 1 member who retired as a middle school special education teacher 16 years ago. The only COLAs I have ever received were in 2018, 2020, and 2022. These three COLAs were not even a true COLA in that they were not based on real inflation percentages and had a maximum monthly benefit. My purchasing power has decreased significantly during the past 16 years as the cost of living has increased at a much higher rate. TRS and PERS Plan 1 members have been treated differently from the State for many years in that they are in the only DRS plans that do not provide an annual automatic COLA. Plan 1 members have literally died waiting for a COLA from the State. Please address the declining purchasing power over the years for Plan 1 members and the need for an annual automatic COLA.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving on the SCPP.

Sincerely,  
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