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Senator Conway and members of the Select Committee,

I am retired from 38 years of service to higher education in Washington — at the University of Washington, Highline College and Bellevue College. I retired in January of 2014 and I greatly appreciate the pension I receive through the public employees PERS I plan.

I am writing to plead with the committee to enact a permanent Plan I COLA for members in PERS I and TRS I — the only two plans in the state pension systems that do not have a permanent COLA. I retired in 2014 and estimate that I have lost at least 20% of my purchasing power. I have attended hearings for the last two years on this subject and suggest that the time is long past for action to correct this situation. I appreciate the one time limited 3% increases but let us have a solution to this problem.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Saunders

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