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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I retired from State Government in 1999. Although I had a pretty good pension at the time, it now smaller in terms of dollar amount than my Social Security retirement check. At the same time, the taxes on my home have steadily risen, and the most recent assessment went up over last year's by \$100,003.00.

I have seriously considering putting a small rental unit in my basement. Although I do not want to do so, taxes and insurance on my home are now in excess of \$8,000 per year. I believe they will continue to climb in the foreseeable future. I am fast approaching 80 and am not in a position to get another job to augment my income so that I can stay in my home until I no longer need one.

I know I am better off than many retirees; however, I urge you to consider the merits of a permanent COLA for PERS 1 retirees.

Thank you!

Joan Keller
Retired in 1999.

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