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To the Select Committee on Pension Policy:

Please support a Plan 1 COLA for the 2024 & an annual, permanent COLA. I am a TRS/PERS1 retiree & due to lost purchasing power, my income no longer meets my basic needs. I am too old to return to work (have had a series of medical issues & am currently recovering from a 2nd knee replacement.)

If previous COLAS had not been removed, my retirement income would have been sufficient. As it is, it is harder to keep up with the cost of essentials & I am forgoing purchase of travel within the US & items like hearing aids & big ticket items like a new bed, etc.

I also ask that you raise the COLA cap. The past few increases have been limited to \$62.50 per month and \$110 per month. . Our property taxes have also increased each year adjusted to inflation rates, so a higher COLA cap of \$125 per month is needed .

Thanks for your work and service. I urgently hope you will support my request .

Sincerely,

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