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Dear Senator Conway:

I am writing you as chair and your fellow members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) regarding a PERS1 permanent cost of living increase (COLA).

I am Kristine Kraig, a thirty-two year state employee who retired in January 2004. That is almost nineteen years ago.

I started work as a clerk typist. My gross pay was \$412.00 a month. My take home pay was \$299.00.

I am also a Retired Public Employee Council (RPEC) member since 2004.

I am representing my fellow PERS1 retirees in asking you to restore a COLA and make it permanent by sponsoring legislation to make it happen. Also, please place in statute a trigger date by which this will happen.

I do appreciate the COLA I did receive in July. I am using this added income to pay towards my house taxes.

I have been impacted by the huge increase in taxes, cost of food, gasoline and utilities. I've eliminated my landline telephone and cable television to cut down on expenses. My medical and insurance premium costs I can't control.

A permanent cost of living adjustment (COLA) would help so much.

Again, please restore a permanent COLA through legislation request.

Thank you.

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