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Everyone in Plan 1 needs a COLA! I am a retired educator from Washington State. I'm a Plan 1. I taught for 35 years as a teacher in the Wapato School District. I've been retired since 2007. I've never received a COLA. I get my health insurance through the Washington Health Care Authority. My insurance increased about \$30 a month in 2017. I was recently informed that my health insurance will increase \$55.51 a month starting January 1, 2018. That is quite an increase!! The amount of my defined benefit from the state has never changed. I believe that the cost of health insurance will continue to rise over the years, and my defined benefit will stay the same. Plan 2 and Plan 3 people receive a COLA from the state. I believe that Plan 1 needs and deserves a COLA. **I strongly urge you to support and approve a COLA for Plan 1 members.**

Thank you for your attention.

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