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From: roesigerreich@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 7:10 PM
To: Office State Actuary, WA
Subject: COLA for Plan 1 Retired Teachers

Dear Committee Members,

My husband and I are writing to respectfully request that this COLA be restored to Plan 1 retired teachers. This is greatly needed by retirees who are suffering from increased costs of living on limited incomes.

I taught elementary special education for 40 years and am currently retired, and my husband will retire in June after 42 years of teaching special education and alternative high school students. We are both in the Plan 1 system.

A healthy lifestyle, staying active, being aware of the latest health and medical news in addition to good preventative care has always been a priority for us. Despite that, we are seeing continued significant increases in basic premiums and other medical costs that we are not responsible for and do our best to prevent, by staying as healthy as possible.

These medical cost increases have the potential to be financially debilitating. We ask the Committee Members to take this opportunity to correct the unjust action taken many years ago and restore fairness to all of the groups in the Teacher Retirement System.

Thank you very much,
Joan and Patrick Reichenberger