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Dear Committee,

I am a retired Washington state teacher employed for 35 years in the Seattle and Northshore School Districts. I retired in 2010. Today I find it very hard to pay my bills without a yearly COLA increase. The Washington State Supreme Court ruled a few years ago that TRS Plan 1 was an unfunded mandate. This seems to be very unfair and short-sighted decision.

During my working years I was never told that I was not contributing enough money toward my pension. Also throughout the years 1974-2010 educators were not well paid. Please understand that as a senior citizen with less money, new health challenges and higher costs living in the Seattle area, that I and other retired colleagues deserve a yearly COLA like Plans 2 and 3 receive.

It is time to right an injustice and honor our service and dedication as we helped educate the children of Washington state.

Sincerely, Andrea Anderson WEA-Retired

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