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I joined the TRS Plan 1 retirement system in 1965. In 2000 I retired after teaching 27.5 years in Washington state. Since retirement I have received 3 COLAs, totaling 7.5%. The inflation rate has increased approximated 58% since my retirement. Luckily I was able to supplement my retirement income by working part time until age 70.

I am an active volunteer in my community and enjoy supporting local economy.

I urge you to fund a COLA for TRS Plan 1. With the rate of inflation I have to budget carefully and find I am not able to offer as much support in my community as I would like.

Thank you for your service to the State of Washington and to this committee.

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