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I retired from education after 33 years in the classroom then substituted for another 16 years to add to my income. Since my retirement in 1999 I have received several COLAs but they are never enough to cover all my expenses. My husband just recently died so I have lost his income.

Grocery shopping indicates that prices are going up on products. In September prices rose by 5.4 percent; inflation current rate rose 0.4 but know that will be increasing. The cost of living increase will be 5.9 percent for 2022. This is becoming a financial ouch for me due to my reduction in monthly income. I sold my pickup as felt I could no longer afford its upkeep and licensing...one car person now.

I have been a member of Plan I retirement since 1985. Have been very active in my community and a strong supporter of education.

Thank you for your service to this committee.

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