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**To:** Office State Actuary, WA

**Subject:** Plan 1 COLA

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Dear Members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy:

My name is Rita Requa. I retired in 1996 after 30 years in the Shoreline School District. I enjoyed my career and was proud to spend my professional life guiding the state's young people.

I am a member of TRS Plan 1 and do not receive a statutory COLA. This has meant that my pension has not retained its purchasing power over time. When I retired in 1996, my monthly pension income was \$1808.87. I now receive receive \$2,048.12, which you can see leaves me far behind inflation.

When you meet in October and November, please endorse legislation granting a Plan 1 COLA for the 2022 Legislative Session.

My living expenses continue to increase. It is imperative that Plan 1 retirees receive some help, and you are in the position to help provide that assistance.

Please make a recommendation to the legislature.

Sincerely,

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