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Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am a retired PERS 1 Washington State employee. I have been receiving my pension for almost 15 years.

I implore the Select Committee on Pension Policy, the Actuary's Office, and the Department of Retirement Systems to recommend the legislature enact a permanent and substantial COLA for all current and future PERS 1 retirees modeled after the PERS 2 COLA.

For those of us who have been retired a number of years, our pensions are losing significant purchasing power at a time when we can least afford it - as aging seniors. A catch-up provision in addition to an ongoing permanent COLA (to at least keep pace with inflation) would be ideal. But, at a minimum, a permanent COLA would help considerably.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your process and recommendations to the legislature.

Linda Kaye Earl PERS 1 Retiree

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