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**Subject:** Retired Teacher's Plan 1 COLA

Senator Robinson,

My name is Andrea Boushey and I am a TRS 1 retiree. I've been retired 25 years and only received three cost of living adjustments over that time. I am fortunate to be receiving my deceased husband's Social Security amount which is slightly larger than mine would've been. This has enabled me to get by up to now. The recent inflation impact is a real shocker however! I just paid the second half of my property taxes and had to rearrange some of my accounts to cover them. I'm glad that I at least own the home I have.

I am now in need of hearing aids; shopping finds that a pair of these are "only" \$1400. at a "special price"! Which month's budget will cover this? It's a squeeze to find. I implore you as a Pension Policy Committee member to help create a plan for the 2023 Legislature to adopt NOW to help me and other TRS 1 retirees keep up with the current cost of living. Yesterday the QFC deli salad bar priced several items at \$12.99/lb.—salads! I had to look twice; the clerk said that all prices just went up. There's another item that I won't be buying. Thank God that I can still cook to boil my own pasta. Those who can't need bigger pensions.

I greatly appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Andrea Boushey

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