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My name is Claudia Ford and I am a Plan 1 retiree. I taught in the Walla Walla, WA School District for 40 years. As a member of the Select Committee on Pension Policy, I want to thank you for your support of the 3% COLA I will receive in July.

I have been retired for 11 years. Within those 11 years, my lost purchasing power due to inflation has been 30.17% I have received two other COLA'S. One was for 30 dollars and the other one was for 60 dollars. It would be most helpful if I could receive an annual COLA.

Recently my husband passed away and I am managing without his Social Security income. Inflation is currently 7.9% I recently paid \$4.59 a gallon for gas and every week food prices go up. My property taxes for 2022 were \$4092.03. My home has electric heat/ AC and Pacific Power is seeking a 12.2% rate increase in 2023. Even a yearly subscription to our local newspaper has increased and is now \$834.40 per year.

As a person on Medicare, I have to pay copays on my prescriptions. My copays are reasonable except for Eliquis, which I take as a blood thinner to prevent blood clots. My copay is \$527.56 every three months based on the full price of \$1,695.29.

Within my budget I also need to be prepared with any unexpected financial emergencies.

Thank you for all your efforts that you put into the fine job you that you do.

Sincerely,

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