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To the Select Committee on Pension Policy,

I am a retired classroom teacher/school librarian/substitute teacher. For 45 years, I worked for the children and my community and paid into the retirement fund (TRS 1). I bought supplies and materials for a variety of study units each and every year out of own pockets when those funds should have gone into my savings for my senior years.

Unfortunately, the powers-that-be in the WA State legislature have not kept up with the economy where educators are concerned. Isn't it about time that WA State legislature gave back to the teachers who were so dedicated to Washing-ton's youth by giving us a permanent yearly COLA? A yearly COLA for the teachers who made it possible for you to be the successful folks you are. We deserve it, just as the firemen and police officers do who kept you safe..

Please correct this neglect and vote for a permanent yearly COLA for retired Washington Educators.

Sincerely,  
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