

April 23, 2024

**Ms. Jacquelyne Lozowski
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you as a retired dedicated state employee. I worked for the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals in the financial office for 28 years. I retired in 2008 and only received one COLA payment since then.

It is my hope that you will support all of us retired state employees who have been wrongly stripped of our earned COLA payments. We have paid into a system and worked diligently with our clients and upheld our part of these contracts.

It is long overdue for us to be compensated equitably and fairly as we have contributed our monies to receive this cost-of-living benefit. Please make this a major consideration in the budget and do the right thing to support all retirees who were dedicated and contributed to the system.

Thank you in advance for you attention and consideration on behalf of all State Retirees.

**Sincerely,
Jacquelyne Lozowski
State Department of BHDDH
Retired 2008**