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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fw: RI PENSION COLAS

Dear Marvin L. Abney and the House Finance Committee

I am writing to ask your support for the H8193 and H8194 builds being presented by Representative Serpa to house Finance today.

It is a travesty.

I was a teacher of 28 plus years in the Providence school department. At my present age, the lack of Colas in the past few years has been detrimental to my financial well-being.

I also would like you to be aware of another financial impact on teacher spouses. The Social Security offset has affected many teaching couples who retired post 2004. My sister-in-law was one.

My brother's Social Security was cut by 2/3 upon his death and my sister-in-law had no Social Security as she worked for Johnston. She said truthfully, "I will die before these two issues are remedied" She was right.

This meant losing her house. Her children stepped in to save it.

We are a family of nine teachers most graduating from Rhode Island College.

Will the travesties continue?

Not, if the Legislature does the right thing.

Yours respectfully,

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