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**From:** Betty M. Gordon <biaginasola@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:45 AM  
**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,**

**Betty Filippelli Gordon**

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