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WITNESS NAME: ANDREA RICHARDSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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With the insanity of the last 4 years, inflation has outpaced traditional COLA caps. Please fix this for retirees who have no other way to pay for basic necessities!



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE COLEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support this bill as a way to provide retired educators with leverage against inflation and the high costs.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE HART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please support HB 329! Those of us who are nearing the 30 year retirement age will no longer be able to receive a COLA! We need the extra money to be able to have the basics needed for our lives! Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 11:50 PM
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I am in Full Support of this Bill and its intension for the increased Monthly Pension Payments to Certified Education Members (P.S.R.S.) and Non-Certified Education Employees (P.E.E.R.S.) with Local School Districts and Community College Districts, by making the Retiree Members whole and adequately keeping up with increased Costs, Yearly Inflation and Yield on the Pension Systems Investments. Current State Law and Pension Promulgated Rules Limit Monthly Pension Benefit Payments to 80% and 5% maximum increase per year for inflation, capped at 80% of the Retiree's Income amount. Inflation for the past four (4) Years has been 7%-2021, 6.5%-2022, 3.4%-2023, 2.9%-2024 and Projected 3% in 2025. This is a NEED and can be afforded by the Pension System with large percentage returns on investment for decades. Remember that Career Education Employees do not receive Social Security Payments, because they have not paid F.I.C.A. Payments, unless the Employee obtained the minimum required F.I.C.A. Credits by means of part-time jobs or previous employment. This is a fair Proposed Plan.



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WITNESS NAME: AURELIA HARTENBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As of January 1, 2025, 2,831 PSRS retirees and 772 PEERS retirees have reached the 80% COLA cap. • These retirees, who dedicated their careers to public education, are now seeing their purchasing power eroded due to inflation, with no mechanism to adjust beyond the cap when they are at their most vulnerable age. It will take approximately 29.7 years (about 30 years) for a retiree to reach the 80% COLA cap with a 2% annual COLA increase. • With the average age at retirement is 58, meaning a person would hit the the COLA cap at 88.As of January 1, 2025, 2,831 PSRS retirees and 772 PEERS retirees have reached the 80% COLA cap.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA CERUTTI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: BETTY VASSMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This proposal effectively balances fiscal responsibility with support for retirees. By implementing gradual and well-structured adjustments to the COLA cap, we protect retired educators, maintain the financial health of the system, and ensure that retirement benefits keep pace with economic realities.



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WITNESS NAME: BEVERLY BURD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: bgayeb@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 8:18 AM
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HB 329 is crucial for retirees when you consider the inflation that we have been experiencing.			



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WITNESS NAME: BRTA BOONE COUNTY UNIT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: darlenehuff@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:40 PM
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I support HB 329 Haley - Cost of Living Increase on Retirement Allowances			



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLYN E SOLOMON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a widowed retired teacher I am attempting to keep pace with all the rising prices of groceries, utilities and services. The passage of the repeal of the WEP I was hopeful of receiving the additional social security. I received a letter from Social Security stating the payments have been delayed and is complicated. In writing it said it may be December 2025 before they might be able to start distributing the checks. I hope they hurry at 78 I might not live long enough to ever collect the money owed to me.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLYN PRIMM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: cprimm@marktwain.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 1:32 PM
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Considering the amount of education required to be a teacher, teachers are some of the lowest paid professionals. Yet, we teach, we accept lower wages because we love children and young adults. We believe that the job of teaching is honorable, and that what we do effects the future of every student we encounter. That is why we teach. Still when we retire, the cost of living goes up in nearly every area of our lives at a much higher rate than does our cost of living allowance. So, as we age, our standard of living goes down further which each year we live. This lack of funding for those who have dedicated their lives to our children, your children, seems like a lack of respect for the dedication and sacrifices that teachers have given all their lives to our children, and to your children. Raising the cost of living allowances is one small way to say, "Thank you for caring for my children and their future." Please vote for HB329 to raise the cost of living allowances for retired individuals.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLYN RANDAZZO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The present cap impacts some of our oldest retired teachers, who are likely incurring increased medical expenses. This small increase every year would certainly help with those expenses.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHY JUDY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please consider that retirees need COLA to makeup for higher costs at the grocery store, utilities, gas, and everyday necessities.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHY ZORNES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Cost of living expenses are out of control and any type of increase after years of public school service would be vital and appreciated.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE ADAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is only fair to retired teachers as we other state pensioners.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY LEMAR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: lemarcindy@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 4:37 PM
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Please remove 80% cap on COLA			



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With increasing costs, it becomes more challenging for me to live on my retirement. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: CLAUDIA M KETTERLIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a retired Missouri educator, I support HB 329 to strengthen and improve our retirement system. HB 329 will provide a gradual and responsible approach to COLA adjustments, protect retirees from inflation without straining the system, and recognize the contributions of Missouri's public school employees. I thank you for your diligent consideration of this matter.



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WITNESS NAME: DEAN SPARKS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: deansparks@tarkio.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 8:19 AM
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My mother, Fern Sparks, is 102 years old and a retired PEERS member. She reached the 80% COLA limit several years ago. As a result, she has received no increase in her pension since. She is being penalized simply for living a long life! This is not fair to her and others like her. Please increase the COLA limit to remedy this inequity.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH WARNEX		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH BRECHBUHLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH JACOBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: musicedphd@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:01 AM
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I support this bill as a retired educator!			



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WITNESS NAME: DELORES DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: orfanany@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 10:08 PM
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I have not yet reached the limit on COLA! I am, however, in favor of changing it. I have lived longer than I thought. It would be a shame if I lived a couple more years and was not able to receive the COLA increase because of the number of years I lived. Thank you in advance for attending to this matter.



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WITNESS NAME: DENNIS J LUECKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dluecke5@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:07 PM
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This bill provides a fiscally responsible approach by allowing modest, controlled increases of up to 1% per year when investment earnings are met and approved by the Board of Trustees. • If investment earnings exceed projections by 2% or more, the cap may be increased by 1%, ensuring that our oldest retirees benefit from strong financial performance while maintaining stability. • Importantly, the COLA adjustments will never exceed 100% of a retiree's original benefit, ensuring sustainability



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WITNESS NAME: DENNIS REULE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: dennisreule66@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:38 PM
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I am writing in support of HB 329			



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE RENDA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a retired school administrator for the past 14 years. I have seen the cost of living skyrocket with only minimum compensation from my pension. I am asking that our pensions increase with the current cost of living each year. That seems only fair. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: DONNA NEWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: donna.newell8@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 3:19 PM
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I am writing in behalf of my mother, Jane Hummel, a widow, who taught 32 years in Parkway schools in the St. Louis area. She currently is in Assisted Living in Chesterfield, MO, with progressing dementia. Her pension pays a good portion of the Assisted Living fees so that she can afford to live there. But of course all those fees and other expenses have gone up and will continue to do so. And it will go higher when she needs to move into memory care. I support this bill so that my mother and other teachers like her will have the cost of living increases they need to help pay for their expenses in their senior years.



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WITNESS NAME: DR. BEVERLY DEIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: beverly.deis@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 1:28 PM

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COLA's are vital to the financial stability and security of our retirees! We must stop the limit on the total COLA cap!



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EMAIL: pmuenks@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 10:50 AM

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As I public school retiree and living on a fixed income, I strongly support HB 329!!



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WITNESS NAME: ELSIE RAFFERTY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: efrafferty@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 7:23 PM
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This is a very necessary allowance for many!			



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WITNESS NAME: GLENDA DESHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: glendaguyer@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 6:40 PM
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WITNESS NAME: GLORIA L GRAF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Glrgraf@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 1:14 PM

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Please support HB 329 having to do with COLAs for retirees.



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WITNESS NAME: GUNDULA G WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dieOma@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:58 PM
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As a retired public school teacher, I feel we deserve and need to receive an actual COLA. This year I received \$70 per month before taxes. It does not begin to make up for increasing cost of groceries, insurance, utilities, gas, etc. I can no longer afford to put money into my savings for emergencies, like the need for a new HVAC system or guttering, etc. I cannot afford to eat out ever or take a vacation. I taught in rural schools where my skills were needed but the pay was much lower, so now my retirement is lower but prices keep rising.



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WITNESS NAME: HELEN ILARI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: helen.ilari@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:52 PM

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I am in support of a Cost of Living Increase on Retirement Allowances.



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WITNESS NAME: JACK BIBB		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jcbibb@sbcglobal.net		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 8:17 PM
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I ask for your support of HB 329. As a retired educator who is nearing his maximum COLA, it would be of great benefit to myself and my fellow retired teachers to be able to come close to keeping up with inflation.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES E OSBORN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: josborn1921@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:13 PM

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Please approve COLA for retired educators. Observation - Too many government cuts and personnel firings, without evaluating short and long term effects. The terrifics alone will cause an increase in cost of living . effects



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WITNESS NAME: JANE BOWDEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: janebowden95@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 2:53 PM
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I Jane Bowden, am one of PSRS/PEERS retirees that is impacted by the cola cap. Just this past January, I have become affected. Frankly I have lived in fear when this time would arrive. For at least the last ten (10) years I have been very frugal with my living expenses in order to save when my cola would be capped. HB 339 would help elderly educational retirees like myself be protected from inflation, have more purchasing power, and have a mechanism in place to adjust the cola cap. The PSRS/PEERS system is stable enough to support this adjustment otherwise I would not be testifying for this bill. I urge you to vote "yes" on HB 339 to help assist us dedicated public educators.



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WITNESS NAME: JANE REED		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: kramerreed14@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:54 AM

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I am writing to support HB 329 to raise the cap on the cost of living increases. As a retired MO teacher who is married to a teacher, COLA increases are important in staying up with inflation, Thank you for your consideration of this issue.



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WITNESS NAME: JANET THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jtr9395@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 4:13 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JANET ZUPON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: janet.zupon@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:19 PM

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Inflation has significantly impacted the buying power of all. People on fixed incomes are much less able to absorb the higher prices. I urge you to consider the well being of the teachers who were willing to work for many years to educate our youth. An increase in the COLA allowances would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: JANIS CURRAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: janiscurran62@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 11:18 AM
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WITNESS NAME: JO ANNE DUNHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: Jbohannon55@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 3:17 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN WEISS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jnwmau@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:24 AM
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As a long-term retiree, I believe that the 80% cap on benefits should end. It's a matter of being fair to all retirees. I also believe that the financial operations and planning of the PSRS is very solid. I used to live next door to an actuary who was familiar with system. He commented on how conservative the investments were over the long term, with quite a bit of oversight. The change offered in HB 329 is a reasonable financial decision. It's also a moral one.



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WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA B. MCGOWIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: JOYCE ROTHERMICH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: joycer12@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 10:42 AM
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WITNESS NAME: JUANITA Y (BONNIE) KERR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bouncykerr@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 10:53 AM
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I support a cola increase for retired teachers. With the cost of living climbing it is nearly impossible to make ends meet. My utility bill has gone from 160.00 to 210.00 and now it is often a little over 300.00 a month. Buying groceries is now an art to get what you need without going broke. I have been divorced since 1987 and raised two children on my teachers salary. Those of us that have only one income barely miss the cut off for welfare. Please help.



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH PARKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: judyarker@charter.net		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:20 AM
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WITNESS NAME: JULIA KELLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: juke180@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 1:06 PM
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I have had the benefit of our wonderful retirement system since 2015. It continues to offer me a sustainable living while I work in another field to continue to be a contributing member to the Missouri economy. The ability to maintain and sustain this system is reliant on continuing to provide retirees a sustainable pension that increases with the cost of living. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: JULIE ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: julieanderson@mchsi.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:38 PM
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My mother, grandmother, and uncle all lived to nearly one hundred years of age so I think it's reasonable to expect I will also live to that age. According to my calculations, the COLA on my teacher retirement will end while I'm still in my 70s. It's inconceivable to me that there will be a yearly COLA on my Social Security benefit but not my teacher retirement. Please change the COLA cap to ensure teachers can provide for themselves as they age. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN L MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: klmillerfrcf@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 4:44 PM
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I am a retired Missouri public school teacher; I retired in 2002 and I am very near the COLA cap for PSRS. I will meet it in 2 - 3 years. And I'm supposed to live on that same amount for the rest of my life?? I could live 20 more years. Am I to be deprived because of the profession I chose and loved? Please help us out.



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WITNESS NAME: KEN SOBLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ken.soble@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 7:14 AM
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Please help us to be able to survive in our retirement years. Our PSRS pension is great, but we can't keep up with the cost of just about everything. Please support our plight and help us out. We can't keep up with inflation and the every day cost of just about everything and we all are worried!Thsnk youKen Soble



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN BERKBIGLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: klberkbigler@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:56 AM
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Living longer and reaching the COLA CAP can provide a challenge for retirees, as the actual costs of food, medical care, housing, transportation, etc., do not freeze. As long as our retirement system remains fiscally sound, our retirees should continue to benefit from cost of living raises. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY MAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LARRY B. DAME		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: lbdame@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 12:02 PM

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Please support HB 329.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: lesjones445@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:51 AM
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Please allow an increase for our COLA benefits. The current rate does not keep up with real life scenarios. Our food, insurance, long term care, healthcare costs and everyday expenses are increasing at alarming rates.



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Please consider supporting this bill Thank you			



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I am asking you to please support this bill on behalf of all the retirees in Missouri.



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MRTA's bill (HB 329) on increasing the COLA cap for retirees			



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WITNESS NAME: M CATHERINE MORRISON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: cathie.morrison1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 4:40 PM

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Thank you for continuing to support the people who helped educate you, your parents before you, and your children after you. Without your education you wouldn't be able to do what you are doing for all of us today. Again, thank you.



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I'm an 84 year old retiree from the Lindbergh School District in St. Louis County, I'm very near (perhaps AT) the end of my pension years according to the original rules for retiree pensions. This...just at a time when eggs cost \$3.00 a dozen and housing costs are so high, etc. I can't tell you how I hope and pray that this extension is passed. Please vote to approve it. Thanks



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET JOANN FOLLUO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mjfolluo@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 7:52 PM

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I have been retired since June 1996, and my last COLA statement says I am at 79.6% allowable COLA. I am 90 hrs old and will never be able to keep up financially if I can't get a COLA increase to help when the prices are continually increasing. Please help by voting to allow PSRS increases after 80%. Thank you, Margaret Folluo



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WITNESS NAME: MARIA WALDEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-4300	
REPRESENTING: MO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARILYN SKIPPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: Marilynskipper45@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 4:20 PM
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Greetings, My name is Marilyn Skipper. I am a retired elementary school teacher. I taught for 30 years (Raytown 3, Columbia 27 – mostly 2nd and 3rd grades). I now live in a retirement community in Ashland, MO. In 2025, I have reached a COLA of 79.84% which means that next year I would not receive the full COLA unless a bill is passed to raise the cap from 80%. PSRS/PEERS is financially stable at this time and could support this adjustment. With rising healthcare costs (three new doctors this past year) and a raise in rent this year as well as everyday expenses, we should not be penalized for living longer. This bill provides a modest yet meaningful improvement to our financial security without placing undue burden on the PSRS/PEERS system. Sincerely, Marilyn Skipper, MRTA Region 4 Vice-President
5775A Legacy Lane, Ashland, MO 65010
573-673-8767
Marilynskipper45@gmail.com



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WITNESS NAME: MARJORIE DARLENE SHERREL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly support HB329 for retired educators cost of living increases. Thank you!



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In light of the actual cost of food, housing, utilities, medicine, healthcare as retired teacher I feel there is a real need to raise the cola cap.



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EMAIL: kwesterfield@centurytel.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 6:05 PM

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As a retired teacher who has met the 80% allowance for receiving a COLA, I strongly support HB 329. At age 84, I am find that my medical expenses have increased tremendously while my financial resources have decreased. Additionally, inflation has raised my day-to-day living expenses. I urge the passage of this bill.



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Missouri is one of the lowest paying states for teachers. Why continue to reduce their income in retirement as well.



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I am a retired school teacher and rent and food and utilities are always going up. That makes my fixed retirement (which does not increase) insufficient to cover expenses.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY STEPHEN HUDSON SHOCK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My husband, John Shock, and I reached 80% two or three years ago. Inflation did not stop then and we are unable now to work for supplemental income. The Retirement Board has advised me that this ruling applies to 3% of retirees. Should you not honor those of us who chose teaching and put in thirty or more years to the profession? Please consider this request carefully and contact me for further information.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL RICHARDS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: firedzinemo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 10:35 AM
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Many retired teachers dedicated their lives to educating and shaping future generations, yet many now struggle to keep up with rising costs on fixed pensions. Increasing the cost of living allowance (COLA) for teacher retirees is not just a matter of fairness but also a necessity to ensure they can afford basic needs like housing, healthcare, and groceries. Inflation continues to erode the value of their retirement benefits, leaving many facing financial hardship after years of service. By raising the COLA, we can provide these educators with the dignity and security they deserve in retirement, recognizing their invaluable contributions to society.



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WITNESS NAME: NADINE HORNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: wnhorner40@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 11:47 PM
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Dear House Pension Committee;I am a retired public school teacher who has been impacted by the COLA cap of my pension.I retired in 1992 after spending 8 years as a special education teacher and 23 years as an elementary principal. I had to retire because of some health issues but I was not allowed to stay retired. The school rehired me on a part-time basis as SPED director for 2 years. I then “retired “ again and stayed home for 2 years. At that time a neighboring school called and asked me to be their elementary counselor for one day a week. I stayed there for 5 years. My home school then asked me to come back and help “straighten out the SPED department”. I worked part time for 4 years, returned to full time for 3 years, then finished with 3 more years of part-time work. My “final retirement “ lasted for 2 years then I became a volunteer in a small neighboring K-8 school. I have been volunteering at least one day a week for 14 yearsCounting full-time and part-time service I have been a paid educator for 47 years. Adding the 14 years of volunteer service I have spent a total of 61 years in the public school arena.(Since my initial retirement I have had 3 back surgeries, 2 eye surgeries and cancer surgery. It has been 8 1/2 years since cancer surgery but the doctor will not declare me cancer free because it is such a rare cancer.)I would be there on the 27th but I have made a commitment to 5 teachers and 75 students to be there for them and it would be difficult to change plans on such short notice.I work with 14 first graders and 19 second graders on sight words , 19 second graders on addition and subtraction facts, 19 fifth graders on multiplication facts, 1 fourth-grade student on reading (who was home-schooled for 3 years and is reading at beginning first-grade level), and 3 kindergartners who are working below grade level in reading. I work with all of these on an individual basis.Missouri has one of the best Teacher Retirement systems in the nation. However, my pension is not keeping up with the cost of living. With the COLA cap I have not had an increase for the last 3 years. I was not eligible for the last 5% increase the system provided because I had already capped out at 80%.When I first retired an 80% cap did not sound bad at all but I did not anticipate the actual cost of living increase.My income has been frozen for 3 years but my cost of living keeps increasing. My insurance (health, vehicle, home, etc.) has risen at an alarming pace, utilities are continuing to rise, grocery prices increase daily.The people who sell these services do not say, “Your income was frozen at 80% so we freeze your expenses at that rate.” I am receiving an increase of 80% of my original retirement but paying 100% of the actual cost of living expenses.Please help the retired school personnel (current and future) with this situation.Nadine Horner



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Please vote "yes" to increase COLAs for retirees! Cost on basics like eggs have skyrocketed! Those of us on limited income need this boost which still won't help us with inflation! Thank you!



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As teachers retire earlier and live longer it make sense to extend the COLA past 80%. This is not an outrageous request and is financially supportable due the the successful operation of the PSRS/PEERS. Thank you



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Inflation is so high, eggs are 8.98 a dozen! This is needed to keep up with the cost of living. I'd appreciate your support for American seniors.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA OSBORN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a retired public school educator and a member of MRTA, I first thank you for the terms of HB 329 and your work in supporting the financial well-being of public school retirees. Everyone knows that a COLA does not fully compensate for the negative impact of inflation on a retiree's available resources, but without a COLA, the vulnerable elderly retiree is placed in double jeopardy. School personnel, in most instances, have dedicated their lives to educating our state's young citizens, have spent those years receiving minimal salaries, and have retired from the school setting at age 58 to 60. The retirement benefits which they receive are then COLA capped generally around 28 to 30 years later leaving an elderly retiree caught in the inflation web of elderly needs. Again, thank you for supporting HB 329 which will greatly help public school retirees. Sincerely, Rebecca Osborn



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WITNESS NAME: RITA GRELE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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COLA's are a must for any retired teacher. Inflation directly affects our economy and our ability to make our money to pay bills!



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WITNESS NAME: ROSALEE NORTHWAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ROSEMARY PATMORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ropat12@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/26/2025 6:28 PM

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At the age of 87, I have reached the 80% COLA cap. It has occurred at a time of high inflation and makes it difficult to manage increased medical expenses. It seems like a penalty for living a long life.



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WITNESS NAME: ROSINA B PALMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: rosinap59@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/27/2025 7:10 AM
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My name is Rosina Palmer and I am submitting written testimony in favor of HB329, COLA Cap Adjustments for PSRS/PEERS Retirees. This Defined Benefit Pension is one of the most stable in the United States. This bill would gradually raise the cap which currently is at 80% of a retirees first pension check. This is a sensible bill that will not compromise the stability of this pension plan and, at the same time, ensure retirees a more secure standard of living. I am asking for your support of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: RUTH DILLOW		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I taught for 33 years and I'm now retired. You know that teachers in Missouri are some of the lowest paid employees in the US. Every year the cost of living goes higher and higher, and if you cap our retirement after several years, we end up going backward on what we have to support ourselves. We dedicated our lives to educating the young and it's only right and fair that we get a yearly cost of living raise so our retirement can stay even with present day costs.



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My mother, a retired teacher, is 90 years old. She has almost reached her 80% COLA cap (79.5% this year.) Meanwhile, her expenses continue to rise, including a 6% increase to her rent at an independent living facility. This will become unsustainable very quickly. Please allow for increases!



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I know retirees that have not received any cola for several years. This at a time when inflation has gone crazy thus leaving their pension short of what it once was. I personally am very close to the 80% cap. I do worry about everything going up and pension not. When the retirement system is as solvent as it is, I do not feel it would hurt the system to help the capped retirees.



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Retirees who see their COLA's approaching the 80% cap are fearful that future increases in inflation and COLA's will not allow them to maintain their current standard of living. Please increase the cap!



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Please allow cola increases. Our living expenses are increasing dramatically.



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I urge you to support HB 329 (Haley) this legislation will help elderly retirees who no longer receive needed COLAs from PSRS/PEERS of Missouri. Ensuring their retirement benefits maintain value over time is a matter of fairness and respect for their service. Currently, retired members of the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PSRS/PEERS) may receive yearly COLAs on monthly retirement allowances, but the total of the COLAs must not exceed 80% of a member's original monthly retirement allowance. COLAs are vital to the financial stability and security of our retirees. If the system's investments earn 2% or greater returns than the investment return rate assumption, the limit on the total COLA cap must be increased by 1% and adopted by the Board. However, the COLAs must not exceed 100% of a member's original monthly retirement allowance. This proposal strikes the right balance between fiscal responsibility and supporting retirees. By allowing gradual, well-structured adjustments to the COLA cap, we protect retired educators, preserve the system's financial health, and ensure retirement benefits keep pace with economic realities.



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The COLA adjustments are not keeping up with inflation.



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As we live longer we need a fair and prudent way to to increase Colas to 100% of original benefit to allow a retiree to have enough money to live and counter inflation.



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As a retired MO school educator, I am in support of cost of living increases on retirement allowances which increase to 100% of initial benefit.



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Prices have risen so much in the last few years it is hard to get by and pay bills.



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I am in support of HB329



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