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I would like to encourage legislators to support this bill for retired educators. We were denied access to social security and depend on our retirement earnings to manage our finances as we age. The current law has allowed our available income vis a vie cost of living to decline yearly as social security beneficiaries have been better equipped to deal with current cost of basic needs. Please consider the proposed legislation as one step in the direction of helping retirees keep up. The clause of cola applying only to part of our retirement salaries is also unfair and prohibitive to all of us depending on state retirement.