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I am one of the thousands of RI teachers and state workers who were the victims of the elimination of the promised COLA. As time has gone by, I find myself falling further and further behind financially. The slight increases we have received in the past couple of years have done little to alleviate the situation, and those adjustments are unpredictable. I retired in 2003 after thirty years as a special education teacher in the Warwick school department. I write today to respectfully request that you keep H-8147 active for consideration. Inflation and rapidly rising costs are a real challenge. We retirees deserve financial security after all these years. Thank you for your time in reading this. Robert Beausoleil 111 Hopkins Ave. Warwick, RI