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Agency: BOARD TRUSTEES EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TEXAS ERS

First Name: Ruth

Last Name: Roberts

Title: Ms

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Workforce Commoission

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City: Galveston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please have more retiree representation; we get very short shrift as is. I know that I have gone, w/my retirement and final years of employment, 20 years without an increase in net income. I had to return to work part-time in private employment just to pay my insurance bills alone-homeowners, windstorm, and flood. I am a Hurricane Ike survivor who lost everything and is still trying to replace basics, as Chase Bank cheated me out of my contents insurance. A COLA and the 13th check that I was PROMISED when hired in 1971 would be deeply appreciated. We are also tired of the cuts to our insurance benefits. The agency needs to concentrate more on the needs of the employees, who ruined our lives working for the state in many instances, and less on the "actuarial soundness" garbage that the present outfit is using to keep us from getting any increases.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It, like all agencies, suffers from the legislature's mania for cost-cutting at the expense of state employees. I also recommend more union representation. I am tired of seeing the state run like a business; that is not the purpose of government. The bottom-line, cheapest route has played havoc with our lives and, like many others, I am saying "enough is enough"-and I vote accordingly. No more incrementalism; please give us something meaningful.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree