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Since March of 2020, we have and continue to see a plethora of public policy problems surface and again resurface, including the need to provide inflation abating relief for pensioners.

And again, we are on the ten-yard line of the budget process. House leaders have included a 2 percent bonus for retirees in its version of the budget. Gov. Roy Cooper has both a 2 percent recurring cost of living adjustment as well as a 2% bonus included in his version. We are grateful for the efforts of these leaders to protect our pensions, and our futures.

While grateful, our state senate failed to do the right thing, and ignored its responsibility to retirees by not including us in its version of the budget.

The NCRGEA government affairs team continues to work with both sides of the aisle, in both chambers, to ensure that you receive inflation abating funds both this and next year.

Friends, we are not done, and we still need your help.

Please share your plight and story with our state's political leadership. Call and email and say you NEED A COLA, NOW!!!

Click on the link here to connect with <u>Governor Roy Cooper</u> or call 919-814-2000. Press five to go directly to the governor's office.

To reach Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, please email Phil.Berger@ncleg.gov or call 919-733-5708.

To reach House Speaker Tim Moore, please email <u>Tim.Moore@ncleg.gov</u> or call 919-733-3451.

And if you want to learn more about our advocacy efforts and how you can empower yourself to advocate on retiree matters, please visit http://www.ncrgea.com and check out our government affairs page. As always, we thank you for being a part of our retiree family.

Stay tuned.

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