

February 1, 2023

The Honorable John Garamendi
2004 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors currently serving our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), we extend our strongest support for your bill, the Fair COLA for Seniors Act of 2023 (H.R. 716). Using the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to calculate cost-of-living-adjustments (COLAs) for seniors and people with disabilities is a commonsense action that is frankly overdue.

FMA is proud to endorse The Fair COLA for Seniors Act. The CPI-E more accurately accounts for seniors' spending habits, which tend to have a larger percentage used toward health care. Using this method to calculate COLAs for seniors makes sense and is the right thing to do.

We are grateful for your continued leadership on this issue, and we hope it is considered and passed in the 118th Congress. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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National President