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## Letters TO THE Editor

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Dear Editors, Imagine going more than 20 years without a pay raise. That's exactly what retired state workers are facing. The Legislature hasn't increased our Employees Retirement System (ERS) benefits since 2001, even though the state has found a way to give more to retired teachers over the past few years (which they deserve), and Social Security increases our pension checks every year.

With inflation hurting each of us, it's time for the state to help.

I worked for TxDOT for 32 years and with the State of Texas for a total of 42 years. I was a traffic safety specialist keeping our roads safe and also served as president of the Texas Public Employees Association.

Legislators should give part of the state's \$33 billion surplus to help us retirees who made Texas the great place it is to live, work, and raise a family.

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