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Subject: Cost of living adjustment for permanently totally disabled workers before 1984

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RE: WC Case No: -----
Injury Date: 1982

Workers Compensation Advisory Council Members:

I became Permanently Totally Disabled in an industrial accident in Milwaukee, WI in September of 1982. I am receiving monthly payments from the workers compensation insurance company that insured my employer at the time (West Bend Mutual Insurance Company).

My last cost-of-living increase was March of 2016; currently I receive \$1,165.66 in base pay and \$1,733.33 in supplemental benefits. According to a Google search, there has been a cumulative price increase of 27.37% since 2016 (the last time I received a COLA).

I implore the Advisory Council Members to vote in favor of a cost-of-living increase for those who have been Permanently Totally Disabled due to an on-the-job injury. I also request automatic COLA adjustments in any inflationary year.

It's bad enough that I have been in constant pain since 1982, I should not have to decide between buying groceries, putting gas in my car, paying for insurance and seeing doctors and dentists.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Robert G. Hurley