

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED
INCOME SECURITY FOR SENIORS

We, the undersigned Citizens of Canada draw to the attention of the House the following:

THAT, WHEREAS public pensions provide, at most, only \$16,000 annually to the typical retiree,

WHEREAS privately, only 31% of Canadians contributed to an RRSP in the 2014, and they have just seen billions in saving evaporate,

WHEREAS fewer than 40% of Canadians have workplace pensions, and

WHEREAS today almost 300,000 seniors subsist on a poverty-level income,

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to adopt a comprehensive retirement-security plan that will:

- Increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to end seniors’ poverty,
- Strengthen the Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan, in consultation with the provinces, with a goal of doubling benefits,
- Develop a national pension insurance program, funded by employer pension plans, that will guarantee pensioners a minimum of \$2500/month in the event of bankruptcy and plan failure, and
- Create a national facility to adopt workplace pension plans of companies in bankruptcy or in difficulty and keep them operating.

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1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
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