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Hon. Jim Flaherty,
Minister of Finance,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6.

Dear Minister Flaherty,

We had hoped to speak directly with you this summer but appreciate that your schedule is very busy and you do deserve a break so we are writing to you about our views on the review of retirement income for Canadians. Since this is an issue that involves all the provincial Ministers of Finance, we are copying them.

We very much appreciate that you and most of the provinces have agreed to examine an increase of CPP and QPP benefits in the future. We wanted to relate to you from our own experience and that of our members why we consider this such an important step. We do this not so much for ourselves but for those still working and the children of all of us.

We have set forth our experience in the attached document “ The Experience of Retirees with Pensions”. We trust you will take the time to read it.

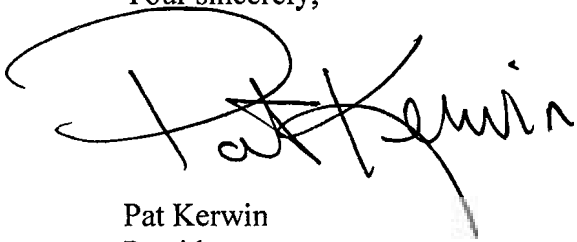
Not all issues facing seniors will be dealt with by a change in CPP and QPP. We therefore would strongly recommend that the government look to holding a national summit on these issues that involved seniors such as ourselves.

Long ago in the time of history books, John A. Macdonald took a bold step when George Brown and the Liberals insisted upon using an ancient British statute that banned combinations to charge workers who were striking for a 9 hour day by bringing Canadian law up to date. He was rightly seen as the hero of the working person in 1870's. Your government in conjunction with the provinces has a similar opportunity with pensioners and those looking forward to pensions.

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We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person on this issue.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Kerwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P" and a distinct "K".

Pat Kerwin
President

cc. Provincial Ministers of Finance
