

Surviving Spouses Pension Fairness Coalition

If you got married after you retired, this is a very important message.

As you are aware, in the last issue of Contact we initiated a mail campaign asking for such members to write to their MPs about legislation that prevents Marriage After Retirement spouses from receiving a survivor's pension. We wanted MPs to better understand its impact.

We have since learned that some believe the legislation only applies to second marriages or later. This is not true. If you are married or cohabiting for the first time, and that union began after you retired, your spouse is not entitled to a survivor pension.

If you did not write because you thought you were okay, it's time to get out your pen.

We did make some important gains as a result of the campaign and, because of them, it is now more important than ever that the pressure is maintained.

- We asked that you not rely on your neighbour to be the person writing.

In some parts of the country it appears that this has happened. We are a national campaign and it is important that politicians across the country are made aware. If you have not yet written, please do so now. Your spouse's financial future is at risk.

Here you can learn about the campaign, and how to write your letter:

<http://www.pensionfairness-sspfc.ca/news-eng.php>

- We asked you to tell us when you had written and the name of your MP.

This is important when we are bringing pressure to bear from the opposition side of the house. We understand if you don't wish to share the content of your letter but it is important for us to know which parties received letters and who the MPs are.

If you have already written, but just not advised us, here is where you can do that:

<http://www.pensionfairness-sspfc.ca/contact-us.php>

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