



ONTARIO SOCIETY (COALITION) OF SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS

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**The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance
7 Queen's Park Crescent, 7th floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Letter of Support

The Ontario Society (Coalition) of Senior Citizens' Organizations is pleased to present the following position in response to the consulting process *regarding Securing our Retirement Future: Consulting with Ontarians on Canada's Retirement Income System* (October 29th 2010).

Our organization supports improving the GIS to help the living condition of Ontario's current low income seniors. We also endorse expanding the Canadian Pension Plan to provide a support for younger people in the future.

As an addendum to the above position, we have attached two documents – one from the Canadian Labour Congress (Nov 2010) and the second from the Canadian Pensioners Concerned (Nov 2010). These documents provide further details regarding the rationale for our position. We are also attaching for your reference an article from the *Globe and Mail* dated November 25th regarding the increasing number of seniors living in poverty.

The Ontario Coalition of Seniors Citizens' Organizations is a provincial organization with over 160 member organizations which represent over 500,000 seniors across the province. As a non-profit, community-based coalition our mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors everywhere.

We look forward to further participating in the consultation process regarding strengthening Canada's Retirement Income System.

Sincerely,

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