

Minister of Finance



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Dear

Helping Canadians achieve a safe, secure and dignified retirement is a central part of the Government's plan to help the middle class and those working hard to join it.

I am proud of our Government's efforts in this regard, such as the historic agreement reached in June 2016 to make meaningful changes to the Canada Pension Plan that will allow Canadians to retire with more money in their pockets. We've also taken steps to restore the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits back to age 65, and lift over 13,000 seniors out of poverty through increases in the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

As a complement to these efforts, and keeping the entire retirement income system in mind, we also introduced Bill C-27, to create a new federal Target Benefit Plan (TBP) framework as a new, voluntary, sustainable and flexible pension option.

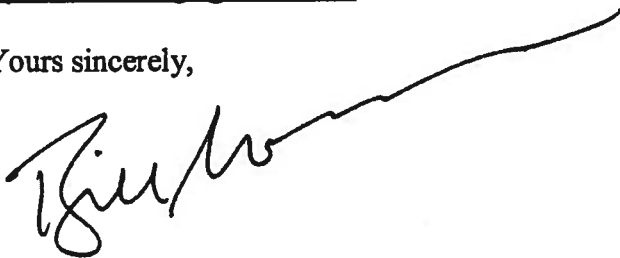
I understand that retirement income security is an important issue to you and your members, and I sincerely believe that taken together our plan will ensure more Canadians can maintain their standard of living in retirement. In particular, the added flexibility and availability of TBPs has the potential to improve the lives of Canadians who have a defined contribution plan or who don't have access to a pension plan at all, by providing them with the opportunity to have a lifetime pension.

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The Government is always open to hearing the views of stakeholders on its commitments and actions. I understand that your organization may have some concerns with certain aspects of the legislation. We are listening, and before this legislation proceeds any further, I want to ensure that all of your views are fully considered. To that end, I would invite a written submission outlining your concerns and possible solutions. I would appreciate if submissions could be received by May 15, 2017.

Please send your submissions to Ian Foucher, a senior policy advisor in my office, at Ian.Foucher@canada.ca and Lynn Hemmings, the Senior Chief of the Pensions team, at Lynn.Hemmings@canada.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Morneau', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.