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Dear _____:

The Canadian economy is currently in its deepest downturn since the 1930s, which is putting the retirement security of many workers at risk. The financial meltdown and wave of employer bankruptcies have resulted in under-funded pension plans and the actual and potential loss of promised pension benefits for many workers. In addition, only one in four private sector workers belong to an employer pension plan and must rely on high costs RRSPs which, at best, deliver very uncertain incomes in retirement.

Our public pension system, which includes Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) plus the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), is safe, but falls well short of replacing the 50% to 70% of pre-retirement income needed to maintain decent living standards.

I am writing to ask you, as my Member of Provincial Parliament, to support the expansion of our public pension system by ensuring that your party advocate for the following:

- a) Support the following measures to increase retirement security for all Canadians:
 - Phasing-in a doubling of CPP benefits, financed by a modest increase in worker and employer contribution; and
 - Increasing Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) for all retirees; and
- b) Take a leadership role in advocating for these measures with other provincial governments and with the federal government.

This is an issue that is of vital importance to all working people in our community and I hope you will lend your support to these improvements to the retirement benefits of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Your Signature