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Dear

I am writing to you to explain why I support the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) campaign to double future Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits and to ask for your support for this important initiative.

Things have drastically changed for today's working Canadians. It's a different world for Canadians today than it was for my parents' and grandparents' generations, and it will be different again for our children and their generation. Many of today's jobs don't come with benefits or pension plans, and many of the ones that do offer a pension plan have switched from a "defined benefit" to "defined contribution" plan. This provides less security for those entering retirement, they are relying more on government assistance programs and some are living below the poverty line.

Improving the CPP is the best and most cost effective way for me, my kids, and every other working Canadian, to save enough to cover the basics after age sixty-five. The CLC's proposal would slowly phase-in a fully-funded doubling of future CPP retirement benefits over the course of seven years.

I am not asking the government to re-invent the wheel; the system is already in place and we just need to gradually increase our contributions as outlined in the CLC's plan for an improved CPP.

It's what I need, it's what Canadians need, and it's what the next generation of working people across the country need to save enough for retirement. I urge you to continue to work with your provincial counterparts and to urge Finance Minister, Jim Flaherty, and Minister of State for Pensions, Ted Menzies, to make expanding the CPP a priority. Supporting a phased-in, fully-funded increase in CPP contributions today will ensure that our Canadian workers of tomorrow live in dignity and security in retirement.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your action on this important issue.

Best Wishes.
Sincerely,