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Hon. Deb Schulte, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Seniors
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

Re: A Reciprocity Agreement for UK Pensions

I would like to draw your attention to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Frozen British Pensions (<http://www.britishpensions.com/wp-content/uploads/Frozen-British-Pensions-APPG-inquiry-questions-2020.pdf>), which has recently relaunched an inquiry into the effect of the UK Government's approach to state pensions paid to pensioners living abroad.

I have been made aware of retirees in my riding who are entitled to pensions from the UK's equivalent of the Canadian Pension Plan. Unlike the state pensions in the UK itself, the version collected by pensioners in Canada is not indexed for inflation due to the absence of a reciprocity agreement correspondingly covering Canadian pensioners living in the UK.

I encourage you to contact the APPG to assist in its fact finding regarding bilateral relations with Canada on the topic, and to work with your counterparts in the UK to negotiate such a reciprocal agreement.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Greg McLean'.

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