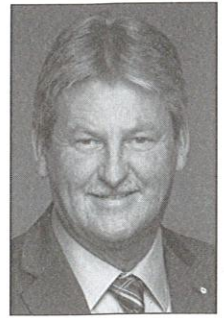




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Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

Canadian Seniors who are currently receiving the GIS supplement are worried their benefits may be interrupted as a result of the extension of the tax filing deadline to June 1. Many of these seniors rely on their GIS payment each month in order to meet basic needs. For them, any interruption could lead to severe hardship.

Minister of Seniors Deb Schulte, who has been very generous with her time and willingness to listen to our concerns and questions, has assured me that she has been assured there will be no interruptions due to the tax filing deadline extension. Minister Schulte's assurances are encouraging, but, Canadian seniors, fearful their GIS may be affected, would benefit from a public declaration from you and your Ministry stating unequivocally that their GIS benefit payments will not be interrupted this year.

As I have discussed with Minister Schulte, this commitment could be communicated through a clear statement from your office and/or a clear statement on your department's website. I would encourage you to make this statement as soon as possible in order to relieve the fear and anxiety many seniors are facing during this very difficult time.

Thank you for your consideration and if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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cc, Honourable Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors

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