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Mr. Peter Milczyn, Chair Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs c/o Eric Rennie, Clerk 99 Wellesley Street West, Room 1405 Whitney Block Queen's Park M7A 1A2

Dear Mr. Milczyn:

Re <u>Bill 127, Stronger, Healthier Ontario Act (Budget Measures),</u> 2017, Schedule 33

We are writing regarding the amendment to Permanent Partial Disability Supplement provision found in s 7 of the Bill. This amendment is welcome and long overdue.

We acknowledge the amendment to s 110 of the WSIA and the work of MPP Laura Albanese in finally effecting this change. As a result of this amendment, workers in receipt of these supplements will not have their benefit reduced each year when their Old Age Security is adjusted for inflation. This was occurring because the pension supplement was not indexed for inflation, and was reduced as OAS payments were adjusted for cost of living. This amendment will correct an obvious injustice that has persisted for years and has been a burden for many of our older injured workers who have to struggle to make ends meet..

Yours truly,

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