PETITION

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Ontarians are currently denied full discretionary access to their locked-in retirement accounts (LIRA's , LIRF's , LIF's), and;

WHEREAS the monies within these locked-in accounts have already been earned as deferred salary, i.e. they are not government hand-outs or bail-outs, and;

WHEREAS Ontario pensioners have already demonstrated throughout life that they are quite capable of prudent financial management, given that they have raised families, bought and sold homes and automobiles, managed investments, paid their taxes, operated businesses, among other successes, and;

WHEREAS similar legislation passed in Saskatchewan in 2002 has been successful and has demonstrated the wisdom and prudence of retirees, and;

WHEREAS a quick and immediate unlocking of pension funds would act as a significant and timely stimulus to the economy during the current recession;

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to support into law the Private Member's Bill recently tabled by Mr. Ted Chudleigh, MPP Halton, allowing all Ontario pensioners, at age 55, full discretionary access to all monies accrued within their locked-in retirement accounts.

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