



National Association of Federal Retirees Association nationale des retraités fédéraux



**170,000**  
MEMBERS

**69% | 117k**  
PUBLIC SERVICE

**24% | 41k**  
CANADIAN FORCES



**7% | 12k**  
RCMP

**286**  
FEDERAL  
JUDGES

Service to others is the highest calling. The members of Federal Retirees have spent their working lives in service to Canada. Our volunteers continue to serve by giving their time to ensuring that their peers and future retirees can enjoy a secure, dignified retirement.

The National Association of Federal Retirees is composed of 79 branches across the country. Working with this team of incredible volunteers, we represent the priorities of our members to their elected representatives and local media, and partner with other organizations seeking to improve the lives of seniors, veterans and their families.

Connect with representatives from the National Association of Federal Retirees in your riding!  
Email [advocacyteam@federalretirees.ca](mailto:advocacyteam@federalretirees.ca) or call 1-855-304-4700.

The National Association of Federal Retirees (Federal Retirees) is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and retired federally appointed judges, their partners and survivors. Federal Retirees has a proud 58-year history of advocacy on behalf of our 170,000 members and all retirees. With our volunteers and members from coast-to-coast, we continue this tradition of strong, smart advocacy campaigns to protect our members' earned pensions and benefits, and to support good policy that improves the lives all Canadians in retirement.



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# POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Federal Retirees looks forward to working with Members of Parliament to advance the following important policy recommendations during this government's mandate.



## BETTER RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY POLICIES THAT WOULD:

- Encourage well-managed defined benefit pension plans, including for the federal public sector, and continue to enable retirees to contribute to a strong economy;
- Prioritize employees and retirees in corporate bankruptcy proceedings, so that all Canadians can retire in dignity.
- Reject legislation that allows employers to walk away from their pension promises;
- Plan for enhancements to the Canada Pension Plan to ensure that those who do not have a workplace pension plan are able to save enough for retirement; and
- Strategically increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement to lift the most vulnerable seniors out of poverty.



## A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL SENIORS STRATEGY THAT WOULD:

- Address the need for national principles and enforced standards for long-term care, developed in collaboration with provinces and territories, with appropriate funding and repercussions for failure to meet standards;
- Address the social determinants of health, such as income security, housing and transportation;
- Assure a continuum of health care closer to home;
- Provide for resource planning and sustainable financing for health care, health care workers and caregivers;
- Recognize and support the work of informal caregivers;
- Promote and fund innovation in home and community care; and
- Develop and implement policy solutions to address ageism, elder abuse and social isolation.



## A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVED OUTCOMES FOR VETERANS THAT WOULD:

- Achieve equitable outcomes for serving military and veteran women;
- Ensure a seamless, supported, and successful transition and release from service;
- Ensure the most vulnerable ill and injured veterans and their caregivers are supported with adequate planning and programming, including financial supports;
- Assure timely and transparent decisions for veterans waiting to access benefits and programs, or awaiting the outcome of appeals; and
- Rebuild trust with veterans by improving outcome and communications, particularly by working with national service providers, non-profit and community-based organizations.



## A UNIVERSAL, PUBLIC PHARMACARE PROGRAM THAT:

- Is based on the Pharmacare Consensus Principles of universality, public single-payer administration, accessibility, comprehensiveness, and portable coverage;
- Ensures current access to medications, levels of prescription drug coverage – and health – are maintained or improved; and
- Monitors the prescribing and use of drugs to ensure safe and appropriate use of medications.