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VOICE OF OLDER PEOPLE.

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A Thaoisigh, \_\_\_\_\_

This letter is on behalf the Network<sup>1</sup> of retired workers organisations working under the aegis of the Irish Senior Citizens Parliament, representing the collective thinking of six organisations working on the proposed Bill relating to Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021. The network unites our learning from working as individual organisations. This experience is gained over many years, from working with the diversity of older people with occupational pensions and the issues that they face in respect of same. We believe working collectively will ensure the voice of retired workers is heard on this crucial Bill and the issues it addresses.

We represent a significant number of retired people, over 500,000. Yet we are not recognised as key stakeholders for any consultation process to address this gap in workers' rights provision for pensioners or to input on the Bill. A high proportion of these retired people have devoted their working lives to the benefit of the State. They provided the nation's electricity, gas, peat, radio and television, telecommunications, aviation and myriad other state services which we all take for granted. Many of these people do not have a state pension or any of the associated benefits (medical, optical etc).

We urgently seek the opportunity to meet with you and to hear your priorities for the proposed consultation process for this Bill and the inclusion of retired workers as key stakeholders.

**Why a network of six organisations:** Retired workers in receipt of occupational pension do not have an independent mechanism, such as the Workplace Relations Commission, to address issues arising from the provision of their occupational pension. The organisations, recognising a shared interest and common ground, have come together to seek to address the gap that exists. We offer our combined experience and knowledge of the issues for retired workers with occupational pensions

. "We believe older pensioners **voices must be heard** and their experience **recognised**."

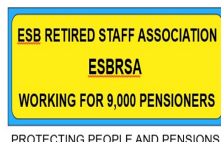
We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Network of Retired Workers Organisations.



<sup>1</sup> The network comprises: Irish Senior Citizens Parliament; ESB Retired Staff Ass; Alliance of Retired Public Servants; Retired Semi State Staff Ass; National Federation of Pensioners Ass; Retired Civil & Public Servants Ass; Retired Aviation Staff Ass.

