

## Petition to the Minister of Veterans Affairs

### Whereas:

- The 1901 Militia Pensions Act contained a clause, known as the ‘golddigger clause’ that disallowed pensions to survivors of veterans who married after the age of 60;
- Spouses of veterans, including common-law partners, who marry after the age of 60 are not entitled to the automatic survivor pensions under the Canadians Forces Superannuation Act;
- The National Council of Veterans Associations, the RCMP Veterans Association, and the Armed Forces Pensioner’s/Annuitants’ Association of Canada have advocated for the elimination of the “marriage after 60” clause;
- The Prime Minister’s 2015 and 2017 mandate letters to his Minister of Veterans Affairs directed the elimination of the “marriage after 60” clause;
- The “Veterans Survivors Fund” in the 2019 Budget has not been successfully rolled out to survivors of Veterans;
- The lifespan of Canadians is much longer now than in the early 20th century;
- We should not punish Veterans for finding love after the age of 60;
- Veterans are choosing to live in poverty now, halving their pension, in order to give their survivor a portion of their pension after their death;

**Therefore, we the undersigned, Citizens of Canada, call upon on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to immediately act to eliminate the “marriage after 60” clause and ensure that the spouse, or common-law partner, of a Veteran who married after age 60 automatically receives the superannuation benefit.**

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