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Mr. John Knubley
Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
and Chair, Public Service Pension Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Knubley:

This is further to your letter of June 20th 2011, in which you invited the PSAC to make a presentation at the next policy retreat of the PSPAC on a proposal for an amendment of the PSPAC to provide members of the FB group employed with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Civilian Firefighters the opportunity to retire after completion of 25 years of pensionable service with no actuarial reduction to their PSSA benefit entitlement.

We are looking forward to such a presentation and we await exact confirmation of the date of the next PSPAC policy retreat. Understanding the complexity surrounding the organization, we urge you to consider an earlier date for the next policy retreat. From the PSAC's perspective, the availability of this early retirement option for those two groups is of paramount importance and we would like to get this process moving in a timely fashion.

Our understanding based on previous correspondence with Mr. Jones on this issue, is that the PSAPC would prepare the background research and documentation prior to the next policy retreat. We expect the PSPAC to provide us with this research and related documentation in advance of the meeting, so that we can respond to it through our presentation.

With respect to the length of the presentation, we appreciate that the schedule of the policy retreat is relatively full. However this is a serious matter for our Union, and we expect that it will be given the full attention and consideration of the committee. As such we are concerned that the time allotted is not sufficient to fully review and consider our



proposals. Accordingly, we wish to request that we be allotted the appropriate time to present on this subject.

I thank you, in advance, for your earliest attention to this request. Should you have any related questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Gordon" clearly distinguishable.

John Gordon
National President

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