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The Canadian Federation of Pensioners (CFP) and the InterOrg Alliance

Recently, a collaborative agreement was reached between the CFP representing more than 270,000 retirees in Canada and the InterOrg Alliance, which includes nine retirement associations representing thousands of retired members in Quebec.

The main objective of both organizations is to defend the rights of retirees and to promote the security of defined benefit pensions that governments and private companies have committed to pay to retirees in their lifetime.

The CFP through its Committee of the Quebec Pension Insurance Program (QPIP) supports the InterOrg Alliance in its approach to secure the pensions of the pensioners of the Pension Plan of Management Personnel (PPMP), many of whom are members of the associations that make up the InterOrg Alliance.

Indeed, through its representative René Allard, the InterOrg Alliance is seeking permission to launch a class action against the Quebec government to invalidate unilateral changes to the defined benefit pensions of pensioners in the PPMP and to recover pensions lost by them as a result of those changes.

Background: In 1997, the government of the day decided to create a new specific pension scheme for supervisory staff. Until then, supervisory staff were part of the same pension plan as unionized staff, the RREGOP. Both defined benefit pension plans have partial indexation clauses.

In 2017, the Liberal government passed legislation that suspends indexation of benefits for retired executives and their surviving spouses for six years and then halves the indexation rate for a portion of their pension.

The InterOrg Alliance includes:

ACREQ Association of Retired Education Executives of Quebec
ADERM Association of Retired School Principals of Montreal
ADR Democratic Pensioners Association
APERQ Quebec Retired Coaching Staff Association
AQDER Quebec Association of Retired School Principals
AQPRDE Quebec Association of Retired School Principals
AQRQ Quebec Association of Public and Para public Pensioners
ARREP Association of Private Education Retirees
RR-RRPE Consolidation of Supervisory Staff Pension Plan Retirees

For its part, the InterOrg Alliance supports the initiative of the QPIP committee representing the CFP, regarding the implementation of a Quebec Pension Insurance Program, similar to what is currently in place in Ontario.

Here is an overview of the Canadian Federation of Pensioners (CFP):

The CFP advocates on behalf of defined benefit pension plans and their members. Founded in 2005, the CFP is the united voice of 20 retiree groups, representing 270,000 defined benefit pensioners, who work together to improve pension security across Canada. CFP is affiliated with CARP, FADOQ and the National Pensioners Federation.

Finally, as you can see, it is not only the private sector, but also the public sector, that has problems ensuring their pension security.

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Quebec Pension Insurance Program
The buoy of defined benefit pensions