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Pension Commission Meath District Council Submission

Dear Sir, Madam,

The following submission is on behalf of the 350 members of the SIPTU Meath District Council. Firstly, we welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the Pension Commission review Committee.

- (1) We believe the state retirement age should not exceed the current 65 years of age and that the current Public Sector choice to work to 70 years of age should also be legally voluntary to the Private Sector workers, it is time to make this a statutory right.
- (2) The state must reinstate the old payment benefit of the state pension transition equivalent to represent the state pension amount and be increased in line with pay increases as opposed to the current Consumer Price Index. (CPI)
- (3) To cover part/all costs the Employers PRSI Contribution should be increased in line with the rest of European Member States as Ireland currently has the lowest level of employer PRSI contributions in the EU.
- (4) Females and Males forced to stay at home to raise their children must be given the same contributory pension as if they were working and stamping a card and earning a wage. The cost associated with this is well and truly saved by the state over decades of neglect through non-payments. The work at home parents have not received any state allowances, stay-at-home parents have been left behind and forgotten for far too long.
- (5) The state must introduce an early retirement age without any penalties against workers that are employed in heavy labour employments, example Construction, Mining, Health Care workers particularly care of the elderly and IT Disability Sector.
- (6) Older people should be in receipt of an income and home package that covers health and wellbeing to live out the remaining years with a decent quality of life.
- (7) An additional way of securing funding is for the state to start up a national lottery to raise funds solely for the purpose of funding a world class retirement package for all its citizens.

Yours sincerely

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