



**MROO**

**Municipal Retirees**  
ORGANIZATION ONTARIO

Protecting the pensions and enhancing the  
quality of life for all OMERS retirees

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Dear Sirs,

Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario (MROO) would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our members to thank you for your initiatives, both federal and provincial, to protect the health, safety and security of vulnerable seniors during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

MROO was created as a not-for-profit corporation in 1977. We speak on behalf of all Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pensioners and provide services to 24,000 members. MROO is the largest OMERS retiree organization and the only one with membership open to retirees from all walks of local government life. We are an independent, non-partisan organization formed to voice the interests of all OMERS retirees to OMERS and governments of all levels, represent our membership in legislative matters that affect retirees, and provide services that benefit our members.

Our members and their partners represent a wide age range, from their 50s to over age 100. Some are benefitting directly from the measures you have implemented for seniors. Others appreciate the help you have offered on behalf of their parents and other elderly relatives. Initiatives that reduce RRIF withdrawals, increase the GST/HST rebate, double the GAINS payment, and other efforts to ensure seniors receive financial relief, food and medicine without delay are all such a necessary support. We are grateful that you have taken these steps.

From a broader perspective, however, we also appreciate that you have let scientific and medical advice guide your leadership. Many more people might be at risk of contracting the virus, with even more deaths, had you not taken the advice of experts.

Of course, the current crisis has highlighted some cracks in the system, including the shortcomings of nursing homes in safeguarding the health of their residents. MROO is sure to have something more to say on this issue when the time is right. We are looking forward to sharing our thoughts with you, particularly in response to any measures you may consider implementing.

Thank you again, sincerely,

President