



## Single Seniors for Tax Fairness Petition

Addressed to the Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland and the Government of Canada

### Statement of Purpose

This petition demands that the Government of Canada reform the tax system and implement whatever changes necessary to make it fairer for single seniors.

### Who We Are

Single Seniors for Tax Fairness (SSTF) is an advocacy group that aims to remedy the unfairness faced by single seniors in our tax system. We especially want to level the playing field for single seniors who are not/have never been homeowners. We want to get the attention of policy makers and government officials. It's time that our tax system treats everyone fairly.

### Supporting Details

There are many seniors who are penalized because they are single. Income splitting is one example of how couples lower their income, thereby reducing their taxes and making themselves eligible for full OAS payments and the Age Credit. Couples also benefit from the transfer of RRIF or TFSA funds upon death of a partner. There are no such benefits for singles.

Seniors who are not/have never been homeowners face extremely high taxes upon death. Those who leave money in cash and securities may lose up to 50% of their savings to taxes. Meanwhile, homeowners may have the same wealth in a home, which they can leave tax free.

The time has come for the Government of Canada to address the tax unfairness faced by single seniors.