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Harper should start with MP pensions

If Stephen Harper [wants to tinker with pensions](#) he really needs to start with the MPs' solid-gold pension.

Currently, MPs are eligible to collect their pension at age 55 after serving a minimum of six years in office — a whopping \$40,000 guaranteed! For every MP contribution of \$1, taxpayers contribute \$5.80. The norm is one to one.

This money is protected and not affected by market losses. It really is insulting to Canadians that the people we have elected would even consider rolling back our pension entitlement when we are funding their pensions so generously.

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