Submission from R T E Pensioners Association re –pension entitlements

2 Manor Park
Grange Road
Dublin 16
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam.

The R T E pensioners Association has for the past six years sought to have Recognition given to the D stamp.

The RTE Pensioners Association campaign began following contacts with the Chairperson of Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs I presented our case to the Committee on the 11th May 2004. (Unedited texts available from the joint committee on Social and family Affairs)

The committee chairman, having heard our case thanked my colleague and I for bringing the anomaly which had arisen for R.T.E. pensioners and others to there attention. Noting the chairman's comments that this is an all- party committee, he intended to forward the anomaly to Minister Brennan with the joint committee's recommendation to support our proposal to rectify the situation.

The R.T.E. pensioner's proposal is that 4 D stamps would equal 1 A stamp, taken as a purely financial equation for pension entitlements on reaching retirement age.

To that end we have written to the Minister for Family and Social Affairs on the 9th October 2004 attended a meeting with his officials and have the support of the Irish Senior Citizens Parliament   and the National Federation of Pensioners Associations. And other Semi- State bodies.

Had this proposal been implemented at that time it would have removed a major disadvantage to those concerned. We are not asking for a hand out, we believe our proposal is a very fair compromise but we are insisting, in a situation were our long term interests were ignored for financial gain by the employer and the Department of Social Welfare, our proposal will redeem our entitlements, which were at the time completely ignored, without regard to the consequences of there actions for the individuals concerned, and just as importantly his/her dependents.

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Yours Respectfully

Eddie Bolger
Chair RTE Pensioners Association