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Misleading veterans

Military and RCMP veterans find it difficult to understand why elected ministers continue, six years later, to mislead the House of Commons regarding veterans' CPP annuity benefit reduction program, which is affecting Canada's national heroes and their families.

Veterans have not requested retroactive payments. They seek no funds from the public purse; therefore, a royal recommendation is not required.

Veterans believe that all annuity plans must pay for their own benefits. A surplus of over \$6.94 billion is more than sufficient funds to pay for our unreduced Canadian Forces' annuity benefits.

It's time for the government of Canada to put its kind words of admiration and respect towards its veterans into action by demonstrating recognition and appreciation in a tangible way to veterans and their families.

We are living in a free country today because some veterans shed blood, some did not return, some were prepared to give the ultimate sacrifice, and some families gave their all.

John Labelle, Lower Sackville