



Police Pensioners Association of Ontario

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Police Pensioners Association of Ontario calls for Public Inquiry into the pharmaceutical industry.

(Peterborough, On) - The Police Pensioners Association of Ontario demands the new provincial government hold a Public Inquiry into the pharmaceutical industry given the chronic and continuous revelations in the media of 'kickbacks' and 'rebate' schemes within the industry.

Police Pensioner Association of Ontario represents approximately 6,000 retired police personnel from all areas of the province.

Police Pensioners Association of Ontario President Paul Bailey stated "the pharmaceutical industry has been in a sorry state since the previous Liberal government passed into law Bill 102 - Transparent Drug System for Patients Act in 2006. This Act prohibited rebates, but the industry chose to ignore it to the detriment of Ontarians, especially senior citizens".

Mr. Bailey went onto say "Ontario has some of the highest costs for generic drugs in the developed world and it keeps getting worse. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has been auditing pharmacies, generic manufactures and wholesalers for years with little impact from the 'slap on the wrist', weak regulations and non-effective fine schedules. It's time for the People of Ontario to be protected against this flagrant disregard for fair pricing of generic medicines.

"If the Ontario government is serious about being "for the people" and finding savings within their budget, where could be a better place to look. Billions of dollars are at stake, notwithstanding the positive effect it could have on the health and welfare of all Ontarians. Mr. Ford do the right thing and call for a Public Inquiry into the pharmaceutical industry in Ontario." Bailey added.

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