



## Help reverse the 2012 State Pension cuts

### CALL YOUR TD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2018

Together with the National Women's Council, the Irish Countrywomen's Association, the IMPACT and SIPTU trade unions we've forced the Government to commit to 'address' the inequalities created by changes made to the State Pension in 2012.

But will they fully reverse the changes? Will they respond soon enough?

**We want the changes to be reversed and a fair State Pension for the more than 40,000 people who have lost out.**

#### **BUT WE WILL NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT YOUR HELP.**

**We need you, your family and your friends to contact your local TDs and urge them to tell Minister Regina Doherty TD to fully reverse the 2012 State Pension cuts.**

**The more of you who contact your TD, the better our chances. It's that simple.**

#### **Who should I speak to?**

It's helpful to speak to ALL your local TDs, but **most useful** to speak to Government TDs – members of Fine Gael and Independent TDs supporting them – as they will make the decision.

#### **Why should I ring them on 17 January?**

Two reasons. Firstly, Minister Regina Doherty TD is presenting a report on this issue to the Cabinet the next day so it's timely. Secondly, we want as many people as possible to ring on the same day to really have as big an impact as we can!

#### **How should I contact my TD?**

On Wednesday 17 January you can call your TD by ringing Leinster House at 01 618 3000, give them the name of the TD you want to speak to and they will put you through.

#### **What should I say?**

Introduce yourself and **be sure to inform the TD or their assistant that you are a constituent**. Be polite, but tell them **your** experience, how these changes affected you, or your friend or family member. Tell them you want these unfair pension cuts to be reversed.

#### **What should I ask them to do?**

Ask them to support reversing the 2012 State Pension cuts and to make this clear to Minister Regina Doherty TD and to the Taoiseach.

#### **I'm a bit nervous about ringing my TD!**

Relax! The people in their offices are well used to getting contacted about issues like this and will always treat calls with respect. And remember, they work for you!

#### **Can I get some advice or more information?**

No problem. You can contact Justin on 01 475 6989 or email [advocacy@ageaction.ie](mailto:advocacy@ageaction.ie).