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NARPO Widows and Widowers Pensions for Life Campaign

Dear **[NAME HERE]** MP,

I am writing as your constituent in (constituency) and a member of NARPO.

Established in 1919, NARPO represents over 93,000 retired police officers and staff from forces across England and Wales, as well as their partners, former partners, and those widowed both in and after service. Its primary concern is to promote measures for the welfare of members with particular regard to pensions and welfare. NARPO is an active member of the Public Service Pensioners Council, and – alongside the Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance and the National Federation of Occupational Pensioners – a founding partner of Later Life Ambitions, the group that for the past decade has worked to bring about a better future not just for its 250,000 members, but for the 11 million people in later life across the UK.

If you would like further information about NARPO's work, please see www.narpo.org or contact NARPO on 01924 362166

NARPO has long been calling for a UK wide policy on survivors' pensions, which would see those who remarry or cohabit after the loss of their spouse retain their pension entitlement in full regardless of how their spouse died. This is the current model in Northern Ireland, and is the UK-wide policy for widows, widowers and civil partners of Armed Forces personnel.

In December 2022, the Court of Appeal ruled that police widows, widowers and surviving partners will still be forced to choose between love and money due to arcane rules that prevent the surviving partners of police from marrying again and keeping the pension to which they are entitled.

Despite this setback, NARPO remains committed to delivering justice for those whose loved ones devoted their lives to public service in the police.

Therefore, please would you give your support to this important cause. I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

MEMBER NAME HERE

On behalf of the National Association of Retired Police Officers

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