

## Ditch CPP-contribution deadbeats

Dear Premier Smith: I applaud your plan to offer pension perks to those of us who have too often given more — just because we have had more. Your scheme is only fair, since a sizeable number of us reside, at the moment, in Alberta. Why should the deadbeats in the rest of the country enjoy our Alberta Advantage?

But hey, why stop there? Not all Albertans are rich; we too have slackers and losers. And the rest of the country also has those who have traditionally given more — why should they suffer, with us, for having been fortunate?

So here's my idea: Construct a truly made-in-Alberta but pan-Canadian pension plan that caters only to the wealthy. Given our historical overpayments we could claim almost all of the current value of the CPP. The others can fend for themselves; it's time they learned how.

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