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Dated: February 1, 2011

To

Shri Pranab Mukherjee,
Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi 110 001.

Subject: Exemption limit for Income Tax – Case of the Senior Citizens.

Hon'ble Sir,

We would like to submit that the Government of India considers all the citizens of India above 60 years of age as Senior Citizens and extends certain benefits through its various Departments. But it is regretted to inform you that the benefit of exemption limit of Income Tax to the Senior Citizens is not being allowed unless one attains the age of 65 years. This is causing a serious heart burn among the Senior Citizens who are being deprived of the benefit because of discrimination based on age. When the Government considers all the Senior Citizens as one group, continuation of this age-wise division among them only for the purpose of extending the benefit of exemption limit of Income Tax is not welcome. The Senior Citizens, therefore, always expect the Government to do away with this discriminatory treatment being meted out to one section of the Senior Citizens.

2. We would, therefore, earnestly request you to kindly extend the benefit of exemption limit of Income Tax to all the Senior Citizens by treating them as one group and thereby removing the present age limit of 65 years to get the benefit.

3. Now that the Budget for the ensuing financial year is to be placed in the Parliament, we would request you to allow the above benefit to all the Senior

Citizens reaching the age of 60 years in addition to further extending the present exemption limit of Rs 2.40 lakhs.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S Basu)
General Secretary

Encl: As stated.

Copy to:
Shri Manmohan Singh,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.