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Mr Michael McNamara
Hon Secretary National Executive
ESB Retired Staff Association
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Dear Mr McNamara,

Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation has asked me to refer to your recent letter regarding collective representation rights for retired persons in relation to pension scheme grievances.

In your letter you refer to the issues that were discussed at the meeting which took place on July 27th last between your executive, Minister Bruton and Department officials. Those issues, particularly the ones relating to access for pensioner groups to the State's industrial relations machinery and a right for such groups to be recognised by employers during negotiations on pension scheme matters, are being considered by Department officials both in light of your comments at the meeting and those contained in your recent letter.

As the Minister indicated at the meeting, the issues relating to pensions legislation are a matter for the Department of Social Protection and the Pensions Authority.

Yours sincerely,


Thérèse Walsh
Private Secretary