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Dear Secretary;

RE: PROBLEMS FACING PENSIONERS OVERSEAS.

I live in Croatia and receive a monthly pension from Australia in the amount of 650 US \$.

The economical situation in Australia is very poor and we find it extremely hard to live with this amount monthly.

If I lived in Australia my pension would include all my Medical Cover and my medications but as a Croatian I must withdraw 100 \$ monthly to pay for my Medical Cover and medications.

I believe this is unfair and I believe that all pensioners should be treated equally so if we are not in Australia we should receive an extra 100 \$ monthly to compensate for our Medical Cover as the Australian Government should come to some sort of agreement for pensioners living out of Australia to be covered for their Medical costs and medications.

I hope to hear from you and thanking you kindly.

Yours sincerely

Aljoz Curstic Croatia
Australian invalid pensioner