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Submission: Dear Sir/Ms,

I am writing to express my concern about the impending hike in price of the self funded retiree's Gold Opal Card. This is another case of a "penny wise pound foolish" meanness that can only backfire on the government. It could only impede the mobility of seniors. By being able to travel and get about freely, seniors remain healthier and therefore less dependent on the public health system. In the long run, by keeping seniors healthy, the government saves money on an already stressed public health system.

There is also the assumption that all self funded retirees are wealthy and can afford the increased charges. There are many self funded retirees who are only managing to keep themselves afloat without assistance from the government. Punishing them in this way will only discourage people from working and saving hard all their working lives to be independent of government pension.

I am completely astounded by the short sightedness of the decision makers.

Thank you.

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