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MP KRAMP WELCOMES PASSAGE OF BILL WHICH ENDS OAS BENEFITS FOR PRISONERS

Belleville, ON – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings welcomes the passing of Bill C-31 which terminates Old Age Security (OAS) benefits for convicted criminals sentenced to more than two years in federal penitentiaries and more than 90 days in provincial and territorial institutions. Bill C-31 received Royal Assent on December 5th.

“Canadians who work hard and play by the rules of society deserve government benefits such as OAS”, said Mr. Kramp. “It is completely wrong for murderers like Clifford Olson to receive these same entitlements”.

In addition to suspending Old Age Security benefits for federal inmates who have sentences of two years or more, the Government of Canada will begin negotiations with the provinces and territories to implement these changes for provincial and territorial inmates who have sentences exceeding 90 days.

Low income spouses and common-law partners of prisoners will not lose their entitlement to the income-tested Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Allowances.

Old Age Security benefit payments will be suspended the month following the inmate’s incarceration. Benefits will start again the month the individual is released from the prison.

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