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## NARPO Widows 'Love or Money' Campaign

Dear

I am writing as your constituent to inform you of a significant event that took place in Parliament on 26 March, organised by the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO), with the support of Later Life Ambitions. The event was part of the ongoing 'Love or Money' campaign, which highlights the unjust pension rules that force some police widows, widowers, and surviving partners to choose between financial security and personal happiness.

The campaign seeks to address a long-standing injustice in the 1987 police pensions scheme, which stipulates that if a surviving partner remarries or cohabits, they lose their entitlement to their survivor's pension. This stands in stark contrast to the policies in Northern Ireland and Scotland, as well as those in place for the widows, widowers, and civil partners of Armed Forces personnel, who retain their pensions regardless of remarriage or cohabitation. Despite a Court of Appeal ruling in January 2023 that upheld these outdated rules, Parliament remains the best route to securing justice for the affected individuals.

On 26 March, a coffee morning drop-in session was held in the Jubilee Room. This event provided an opportunity for parliamentarians to hear firsthand the emotional and financial impact these policies have on police widows and widowers. There is no cost to the Government of allowing survivors to retain their pensions, yet the impact on those affected is life-changing. This is not a financial issue—it is a moral one. Following the coffee morning, a delegation of police widows and widowers moved to Central Lobby, to lobby their respective MPs.

While many MPs and peers expressed support, it is crucial that we move beyond words to meaningful action. We urge you to:

- Submit parliamentary questions to press the Government on police survivor pension inequality.
- Support and participate in debates on this issue to ensure continued parliamentary attention.

The campaign has gained significant media traction, with coverage from the Daily Express, BBC, ITV, POLITICO, and LBC's Nick Ferrari Breakfast Show, bringing national attention to this pressing issue. Actor Graham Cole, most-known as P.C Tony Stamp from popular television show, The Bill, also attended the day. However, despite the positive coverage, there is still much work to be done. We call on you to take action and help right this wrong for the families of those who dedicated their lives to serving their communities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue. I look forward to your response and to seeing your support in Parliament. If you would like further information about NARPO's work, please see [www.narpo.org](http://www.narpo.org) or contact NARPO on 01924 362166.

Yours sincerely,

*On behalf of the National Association of Retired Police Officers*

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