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## Editor's Corner

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Welcome to the Summer Edition of In the Public Interest, the newsletter of the Social Insurance and Public Finance Section. In this edition we present an interesting take on the potential (and unintended) ramifications of changes in the full Social Security retirement age. While this is one perspective on raising the retirement age, other analysts have expressed different views. We would welcome additional articles discussing the matter. Neither the SI&PF section nor the SOA itself has a position on whether or not the retirement age should be raised.

This is a good reminder that we as actuaries, and specifically members of this section, can help to inform conversations around financial security and its costs, through Social Insurance and the pension programs covering many public sector employees. We are entering a period where there will be an increased need for our expertise and creativity as government decision makers encounter pressure on budgets from lower revenues and more social spending needs. As this edition's article points out, there is often more than just one facet to be considered in these areas and we are well positioned to inform and engage others on the entire spectrum of issues. Your Section is responding, providing ongoing podcasts, hosting a Town Hall forum and periodic webcasts on timely subjects. This Newsletter is part of that effort and an important way for us to share new thoughts and ideas across our membership. Let us know what you are encountering and how you are helping to solve emerging issues. I bet it will make a great article! ■



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