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Submission to Joint Committee

**Dear Secretary** 

Help!

Is anyone out there listening?

In July 2005 we put money into MFS Premium Income Fund. We were told this fund was well run and would bring us regular income.

I attended every meeting held and read any information relating to the fund. I was also constantly in touch with Judy Stead or Ian Zelinsky sometimes on a weekly basis.

I was always assured the fund was in excellent shape by the directors and advisors.

We had a loan maturing on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008. I received notice in November and after being assured by lan Zelinsky or Judy Stead all was going well with the fund decided to reinvest the money.

We later were told that sometime in 2007 the Fund borrowed \$200,000,000.00 from the Royal Bank of Scotland and gave this money to MFS Ltd. in return for virtually worthless loans over certain properties.

We have had no income since January 2008. As you are probably aware the fund has now been taken over by Wellington Capital and listed on the National Stock Exchange. The last sale was for 12cents which means we have lost 88% of our hard earned money.

As retirees we have no way of ever recovering from this disaster.

Someone should be held responsible for the fraud that has left so many people totally financially and emotionally devastated.

Sincerely

Kay Allman