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Dear Editor

GIVE WORKERS PAST 62 AN OPTION

I refer to Dr Lim Boon Hee's letter dated 22 Apr 06 on giving older workers an opportunity to continue working past 62 in the public sector.

2 The Public Sector supports the recommendations of the National Tripartite Committee on Employability of Older Worker to expand employment opportunities for older workers, including re-employment beyond 62 years.

3 The public sector welcomes our retired officers who have the skills, experience and passion to continue working with us if these officers wish to continue working and where the agencies have a need for their expertise.

4 The Public Service Division is working with ministries and statutory boards to create more flexible avenues to re-employ our retired staff.

5 Re-employment can take many different forms. It need not always be doing the same job. It could be a different job. It could also be on a part-time basis or on a project basis or on a contract for service basis.

6 The Public Sector values the talents and contributions of our older and younger officers. Together, we can build an effective and efficient public service.

Yours sincerely

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