

# ***SENIORS AGAINST INSURANCE CAP***

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## ***To whom it may concern:***

Over the past several months, the Newfoundland and Labrador 50+ Federation Inc. and many other Seniors organizations have been discussing the implications of the auto insurance review that is underway. While seniors are concerned about the cost of auto insurance, we have become increasingly concerned about the impact proposed insurance caps would have on seniors in our province. Many seniors no longer drive yet they could become the victim of a car accident either as a pedestrian or passenger. A cap on insurance claims would have detrimental impacts on these innocent victims, leaving them vulnerable financially and with no ability to challenge the outcome of a settlement. As well, many seniors that still drive a car are not in favour of an imposed cap on accident claims that would limit the ability to receive fair compensation.

Over 15 seniors organizations have come together to form the Seniors Against Insurance Cap. We represent thousands of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who simply do not agree with capped insurance payouts to victims of accidents.

We strongly urge to you to consider how caps on insurance will negatively impact seniors in this province and limit their ability to receive fair compensation if faced with being the victim of a car accident.

The following is a list of Pensioner, Retiree, Senior Associations and a number of other organizations that are opposed to any implementation of insurance caps in the province:

Newfoundland and Labrador Public Sector Pensioners Association  
St. John's Fire Fighters Retirees Association  
NAPE Retirees Local 7002  
Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador  
Retired Correctional Officers (Represented by NAPE)  
National Association of Federal Retirees (NL)  
CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons), St. John's Avalon Chapter 1  
Marine Atlantic Pensioners Association  
Silver Lights Retirees (NL Power & NALCOR)  
CBC Pensioners  
Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Veterans Association  
Lillian's Law  
Newfoundland and Labrador 50 + Federation Inc.  
SOPAC (Save Our People Action Committee)  
Spinal Cord Injury Newfoundland and Labrador

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# A CAP IS NOT GOOD FOR SENIORS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR.

**A CAP WILL NOT LOWER CAR INSURANCE RATES. EVEN IF YOU NO LONGER DRIVE, IF YOU ARE INJURED AS A PASSENGER OR PEDESTRIAN, A CAP WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHTS FOR FAIR COMPENSATION.**

## Insurance investment profits are up.

In the first quarter of 2017, the insurance industry in Canada reported **\$986M in profit** from investment alone.

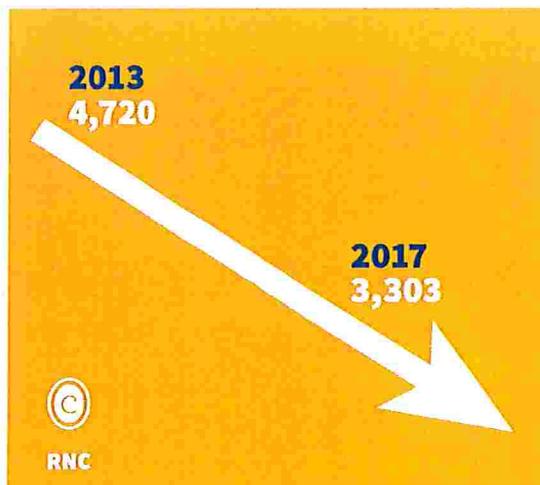
This was more than double the \$482M in the first quarter of 2016.

## Insurance underwriting profits are up.

In 2016 insurance companies in Newfoundland and Labrador reported **\$100M in underwriting profit alone.**

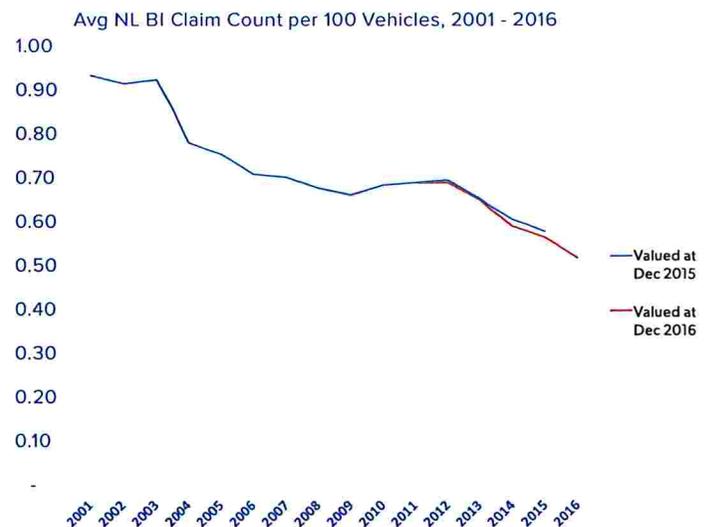
That's approximately 23% profit from \$434M in revenue.

## Accidents are down in Newfoundland and Labrador.



RNC reported a 25% decrease in accident numbers from 2013-2017

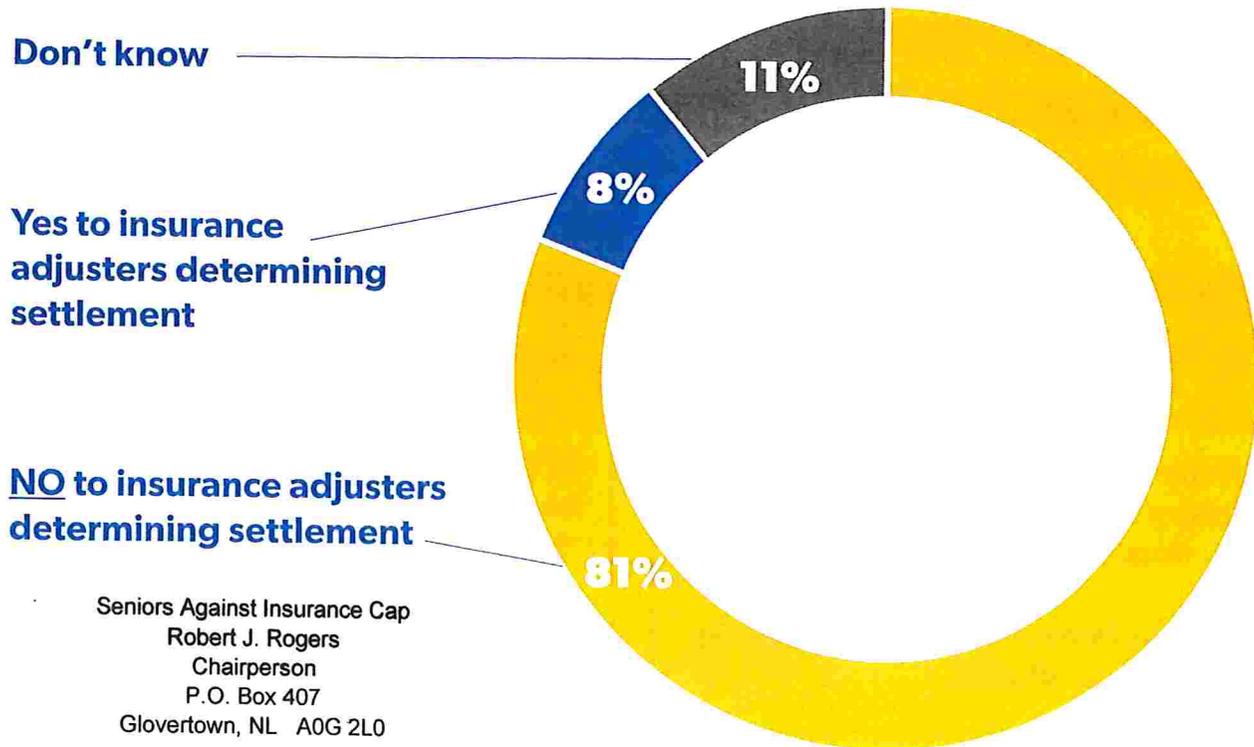
## Accident injury claims are down by nearly 50%



Source: General Insurance Statistical Agency

## Current Opinion Research – Determining Compensation

An overwhelming majority (81%) of Newfoundland residents do **NOT** support a system where an insurance adjuster for the party who caused your injuries has the power to tell you what your pain and suffering is worth.



Campaign to Protect Accident Victims Market Research Study | Produced by The Research Design House – Halifax, NS – 1.902.448.8008 – [theresearchdesignhouse.com](http://theresearchdesignhouse.com)  
400 Respondents | Study Conducted from May 8 – 14, 2018 | +/-5% Margin of Error

**Even with a cap of \$4000, Alberta has higher average insurance rates than NL. Alberta drivers saw the biggest increase in insurance rates in Canada last year – rising by 8.29%.  
Is it really worth giving up your rights?**

\*Source: [lowestrates.ca](http://lowestrates.ca)