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I am writing to show my support to the universal protection plan from the perspective of a local youth who cares about our society.

To begin with, I am pointing out the phenomenon of over-stigmatization and generalization of labelling the needy. Those who are 'in need' are defined by the government, yet do these construction reflect the authentic situation and how the elderly assess them? The insiders' views have been missing since an early stage, and it is time for the government to amend this and listen to the people. The situation is, the majority of the elderly still have a very difficult life despite the various plans promoted by the government, which reflects a serious mismatch in between the assumed coverage of the plans proposed and the actual effectiveness of help that officially go into the hands of elderly. Even though there is allowance for eligible elderly to apply for, but again this group of 'eligible elderly' is being constructed, does it mean that those who fall out of these rules are not 'eligible' enough? This reflects the hardship of many elderly who got trapped by the system which they cannot find a way out. Such stigmatization has serious consequences by ensuring those who are in need are undermined, they cannot retrieve help because of the regulations in the system; no help can be offered, no voices can be heard. It paves the way for many potential problems that hinder societal stability and development in the long run. This is, indeed structural violence harming the people, it becomes the worst when it is actively committed by the government. The universal protection plan is the one that comes in light to solve this net of complex questions.

Moreover, the universal protection plan is not, as claimed by many, a burden that comprises the future but actually securing it. It should be a form of protection and gratitude given to the people who have contributed a lot to what society has gained now. This is in fact a moral gesture that has deeper connotations to what is valuable to us, and also remind the others that this is not a place which only focuses on the present, but with a sophisticated vision that connects the present with the past and the future. Implementing the plan will consolidate this vision and it is actually constructive and appealing to different demographics in society, this is not wasting money but investing money to thank those who have helped us and pave for the way of a balanced and peaceful living in the long run. Not implementing the plan will simply tell the world that the government kicks down the ladder by neglecting the elderly. As a young people, I can not see anything bad supporting the universal retirement plan, and I am willing to contribute to the elderly who have contributed for us.

There is no point for the citizens to envy other people living in different parts of the world. It is a matter of choice, to take a step forward and help the elderly with a better living or step aside and watch people struggle to live? It is the government's responsibility to make a comprehensive and profound plan for its people, it is time to make a change.