

Dear _____ M.P.

(cc Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq, & Deputy Minister of Health, Glenda Yeates – Health Canada)

As a voting and reasonable Canadian citizen, I find it very unreasonable that since the Natural Health Product (NHP) Regulations started in 2004, **they have eliminated over half the NHPs on the Canadian market.** Especially after Health Canada told Canadians that these regulations were going to *increase* our access. How is losing retail access to over 37,000 out of 70,000 products increasing our access?

Health Canada has blocked over 20,000 NHPs previously imported from the U.S., and denied over 17,000 product license applications. Yet they've approved less than 24,000! Even if all 10,000 products still awaiting assessment are licensed, Canadians will have less than half the choice we did in 2004.

And please do not respond with information about product recalls or adverse events, as the reason products are being refused has nothing to do with safety! The grand total of deaths in Canada from an NHP before the Regulations started was zero (0). Now, 6.5 years later, the grand total is...still zero. At last count, out of 17,602 NHP license refusals, only THREE (3) were because of safety. The rest were refused because they are classified as a subset of DRUGS, and supposedly lack evidence of effectiveness in humans.

Of course, this doesn't mean that NHPs are not effective. It simply means that expensive human trials to prove efficacy are not feasible, because NHPs are not patentable, and until 2004, most were classified as FOODS. Hence, there was no financial or regulatory incentive to spend money on human studies. Bananas may provide a health benefit, but how many human trials are performed on them to prove it? None!... because there's no point. And until 2004, the same applied to tens of thousands of NHPs.

Health Canada knew that if they could move NHPs into the DRUG category, it would give them the perfect mechanism to eliminate them, because many wouldn't be able to meet requirements for human evidence. So, in 2004, they "pulled a fast one". Instead of giving NHPs a **real third category, truly distinct from DRUGS**, like the industry and public were promised, (and as was instructed by both the Standing Committee on Health, and the Transition Team), they reclassified NHPs as a subset of DRUGS, (with pharmaceuticals as the other subset), and *simply created a separate Directorate for them*.

This provided a great smokescreen, where Health Canada can tell everyone that NHPs are governed separately from pharmaceuticals, (sound familiar?) but they are actually still classified as DRUGS. And this is what has allowed Health Canada to get rid of so many NHPs. It seems the "fix was in" right from the start.

So the question is: Do you care? Are you going to do anything about this purposeful and orchestrated injustice? Are you going to stand up for Canadians' rights, or simply watch them be eroded, along with our ability to care for ourselves? Health Canada says they are SO concerned about consumer safety with Bills like C-36. Yet they continually show that their true allegiance is to big business and the pharmaceutical industry.

As your constituent, and/or tax-paying citizen, I have had it with Health Canada's globalist harmonization agenda, and their attempt to control our health and markets. I have had enough of watching our liberties be traded for globalism, and juicy bureaucratic pensions. As a Canadian citizen I firmly insist that the NHP Regulations be suspended immediately, and that NHPs are removed from the DRUG category. Also, I insist on knowing who at Health Canada was responsible for instituting the NHP Regulations. I want them fired.

Health is rightfully a provincial jurisdiction, and it is my fear that as long as Health Canada is governing NHPs, our access to them will never be safe. If health is a provincial jurisdiction, why are Natural "Health" Products not regulated by the provinces, just like hospitals and doctors?

Please answer these questions in writing, and let me know where you stand on this issue. You can be certain it is of grave importance to millions of other Canadians as well.

Respectfully yours,

Signed

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