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Charter of Health Freedom

The Charter of Health Freedom is a bold initiative that moves us in a new direction. It was written by prominent Canadian constitutional lawyer Shawn Buckley, president of the Natural Health Products Protection Association.

The Charter **protects fundamental human freedoms**, while **offering appropriate regulations** for the national health industry.

The principles of the Charter of Health Freedom are universal in nature, but the language is specific to the Canadian legal and constitutional system.

Since the January 2004 implementation of the Natural Health Products Regulations, Canadians have so far lost access to more than 20,000 safe and effective natural health products and the number is increasing.

The natural health industry employs more than 25,000 Canadians and is worth over \$2.5 Billion a year, according to Statistics Canada 2005 Report. This represents a vital portion of Canada's economy and needs to be **protected with proper regulations**.

This new federal legislation serves to include all natural medicines, therapies, treatments & devices. It is built on the fundamental belief that every person has the **right to choose what form of health care they wish to receive**.

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Ministry of Wellness

A major component of the Charter legislation is the establishment of a **Ministry of Wellness**, which will operate within parliament to ensure the Charter's principles are consistently upheld. The Ministry of Wellness would oversee natural medicines, therapies, treatments and all natural healing arts, while the **Ministry of Health** would continue to oversee conventional medicine. Given the track records and differences between conventional medicine and **natural medicine**, it is quite evident that they **should be regulated separately**.

This concept is unique to Canada and would serve as a solution that would accommodate all parties and honour the multiple Supreme Court of Canada decisions which consistently reinforce the notion of **sovereignty over one's body**.

The Charter of Health Freedom is being supported by a broad cross-section of Canadians, including consumers, manufacturers of Natural Health Products, retailers and wholesalers of Natural Health Products, Natural Health practitioners from many disciplines and cultures and non-governmental organizations.

The Charter of Health Freedom reaffirms in law the long-standing relationship citizens of our great nation have enjoyed with government as a servant, rather than master in our affairs.

The organizations and individuals that are supporting the Charter of Health Freedom are asking Canadians to **download, sign & distribute the petition** seeking to have Parliament expedite the passage of this Charter.

Please visit www.charterofhealthfreedom.org for more information and to download the Charter Petition.

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