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## THE CHARTER OF HEALTH FREEDOM 2014 SPRING PETITION REPORT

# 93,236

\* as of April 6 2014

## RECORD NUMBERS OF CANADIANS SUPPORT A NEW LAW FOR NHPS

### A LOOK AT CANADA'S LARGEST FEDERAL PETITIONS

**At 85,421 signatures**, the largest single petition to be presented to the House of Commons in the last 2 years was for the extension of medical benefits through the Employment Insurance Program. (June 21 2011)

**At 92,572 signatures**, the largest petition in the last 7 years was a series of petitions against cruelty to animals. (February 19 2007)

**At 96,065 signatures**, the largest petition in the last 15 years was a series against Child Pornography. (April 27 1999)

**At 625,510 signatures**, the largest petition in Canadian history was submitted to Diefenbaker to support the creation of Canada's Bill of Rights. (Feb 9 1949)

## THE VOICE OF CANADIANS

If presented to the House of Commons today, the petition in support of the Charter of Health Freedom would be:

- The third largest petition in Canadian history
- The largest petition since April 1999
- The largest petition in 5 Parliaments

## SOURCING THE NUMBERS

We need only 2829 more signatures to become equal to the largest Federal petition to be delivered to Parliament, in one single submission, since April 27, 1999. We consulted Ottawa's Clerk of Petitions for figures on the largest Canadian Federal petitions. Parliament's searchable archives go back 25 years. It is possible then, that when we reach our next milestone, of over 100,000 signatures, the Charter of Health Freedom will be on record, as second only to the Bill of Rights in public support!

We will also have more signatures than 93% of sitting MPs have ever seen. Only 40% of Liberal MPs, 4% of NDP MPs and 7% of Conservative MPs have been in Parliament since 1999. That's a mere 17% over all parties.

## CAN YOU GET 25?

Did you know? 25 signatures on any one given petition is sufficient to trigger a response from Ottawa. We have collected enough signatures to have generated 3,716 separate written responses from Parliament.

Help us reach another significant landmark by getting 25 signatures and sending them to the NHPPA. Download and print the petition from NHPPA's petition station support Action Kit at [www.nhppa.org](http://www.nhppa.org).

## NEXT STEPS

MPs know that signatures mean engagement. We are ready to speak with any MP who understands what is at stake politically and legally. Not all MPs are going to be able to see the implications of the current regulatory scheme for the Natural Health Products industry and the public.

We need to identify the MP with the commitment and vision for Canadians' rights to present our petition to parliament.

Make this the year you have a conversation about health freedom with your MP. If they listen, **let us know**. We're building a shortlist.

## THANK YOU!

Everything you do makes a difference. Your voice is powerful, it changed our petition count and together with thousands of others it can change Canada for all of us.