

105,950 + YOU!

The Charter of Health Freedom petition is the largest single federal paper petition, pending delivery, in the last 20 years.

Our Current Campaigns

NHPPA is planning series of campaigns within the industry and to the public to increase both the number of signatures and, by extension, people's awareness of the extent of the problem.

During this time, we will also be seeking an MP who is interested in challenging the status quo and championing the freedom for those who want to live naturally—and help move Parliament to give natural health products and practices their own reasonable legal framework as outlined in **The Charter of Health Freedom**.

Bringing the Petition to Ottawa

Make this the year you have a conversation about health freedom with your MP. If they listen, let us know.



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Why Is This Petition Important?

When groups from across Canada came together to have input on **The Charter of Health Freedom** in 2008, the goal was to come up with legislation that would prevent any government from restricting our access to natural health products, practices and low risk medical devices.

The most pressing risk at the time appeared to be the implementation of the *Natural Health Product Regulations*. Little did anyone appreciate how effective the government would be in taking away our right to exercise personal health choices in the Courts. No one could have predicted that the Charter would become more necessary as the years went by.



IN SOLIDARITY

Why Should Every Canadian Sign The Charter of Health Freedom Petition?

If you think the current state of our natural health industry Regulations is wrong, and you think it takes away people's freedoms, we ask you to sign the petition. The dismantling of the industry is the inevitable result of the NHP Regulations as they are currently written.

The Charter of Health Freedom is proposed legislation that gives NHPs and practitioners their own Act. It sets out to create a Ministry of Wellness to protect and to promote our access to NHPs and to low risk treatments. It entrenches basic human rights such as the right to make personal health decisions.

The Charter of Health Freedom would stop the current regulatory crisis.

It could end the criminalization of our natural health industry. It is the only real solution in Canada to the legislative crisis in existence today.

Canada's New E-Petitions

In 2008, when the Charter of Health Freedom petition was drafted and sent to the Clerk of Petitions to be certified, there was no online option. Canada did not begin accepting e-petitions as a valid system until December of 2015.

Paper Versus E-Petitions

As of 2015, e-petitions that garner at least 500 signatures and are sponsored by an MP will be tabled in Parliament. E-Petitions are only open for signature collection for a period of 120 days and, once tabled in Parliament, will receive a response from the government within 45 days.

Alternatively, paper petitions can be open for an indefinite amount of time and require 25 signatures per petition page to warrant response from government within 45 days.

Can a Paper & E-Petition Merge?

No. Paper petitions, like the Charter of Health Freedom Petition, that were started on paper have to remain as such. There is no process to merge the Charter of Health Freedom petition, or any existing paper petition, with that of a new e-Petition.

YOU CAN HELP!

Help us raise the signatures and awareness we need to support making The Charter of Health Freedom law.

1. Download and print the petition at www.nhppa.org
2. Collect a minimum of 25 signatures
3. Mail completed petition sheets to the address at the foot of each petition page

Keep up-to-date with the Charter's petition numbers by subscribing to NHPA email updates!