

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Parliament

As a voting and reasonable Canadian citizen, I find it unreasonable that since the Natural Health Product (NHP) Regulations started in 2004, Health Canada has eliminated more than half of 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 40,000 out of 70,000 products increasing our access?

Health Canada has blocked over 20,000 NHPs previously imported from the US and denied another 20,000 product license applications. They have issued *fewer than 24,000* licenses. Even if all 10,000 products still awaiting assessment are licensed, Canadians will have *less than half* the choice we had in 2004.

Please do not respond with information about product recalls or adverse events, since the refusals are documented as having nothing to do with safety. The grand total of deaths in Canada from an NHP before the Regulations started was zero (0). Now, 7 years later, the grand total is still... zero. At last count, of 20,000 NHP license refusals only three (3) were allegedly because of safety, although Health Canada refuses to release information which would allow independent verification.

These refusals do not imply that NHPs are not effective. They simply mean that expensive human trials to prove efficacy are not feasible, because NHPs are not patentable. Since, until 2004 most were classified as FOODS, 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. Until 2004, the same applied to tens of thousands of NHPs.

Instead of giving NHPs a real third category, truly distinct from drugs, as was demanded by Canadian citizens and instructed by both the Standing Committee on Health and the Transition Team; Health Canada has reclassified NHPs as a subset of DRUGS and created a separate *Directorate* for them - a directorate under DRUGS.

When Health Canada advises parliament and the country that NHPs are governed separately from pharmaceuticals, they allow the inference that NHPs are regulated by different criteria. However, they are merely regulated by different people. Why the deception? Small and medium-sized businesses are closing, Canadians are suffering as products they rely on for their health are removed from the market...and Health Canada continues to present you with impressive sounding numbers which only tell half the story.

Do you care? Are you going to do anything about this 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 has demonstrated through their actions that their allegiance is to big business and the pharmaceutical industry. Yet, you allow them to write and enforce their own regulations. There is a reason why we do not allow the police to write and enforce our laws.

As your constituent, I am outraged by Health Canada's globalist harmonization agenda married to international trade deals and their attempt to control our health and national markets. I am equally outraged by your apparent unconcern for our constitutional rights and freedoms. **As a Canadian citizen, just like you, I firmly insist that the 2004 NHP Regulations be suspended immediately pending independent review.**

Health is rightfully a provincial jurisdiction, Health Canada have no jurisdiction in matters of health and wellness. Why are Natural Health Products not regulated by the provinces, just like hospitals and doctors? It is my fear that as long as parliament allows Health Canada to govern NHPs, our access to them, and quality of product, will never be safe.

Please answer these questions in writing, and let me know where you stand on this issue. I would appreciate your personal thoughts rather than a reiteration of Health Canada's justifications or your party's position. You can be certain this will grow as an election issue for millions of Canadians.

Respectfully yours,

Signed

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Signature:

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Additional Comments/Questions:

**A Letter regarding the Natural Health Product Regulations**

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