

Dear _____ Member of Parliament

As a voting and reasonable Canadian citizen, I would like to know your thoughts on Health Canada's overregulation of Natural Health Products (NHPs) in defiance of both the Standing Committee on Health and the Canadian people.

What happened to amending the Food and Drugs Act appropriately creating a separate category for NHPs, which happened to be No.1 in Parliament's 53 recommendations to Health Canada on the issue? It looks as though the bureaucrats have once more superseded Parliament and that it is content to let this happen. This would be worrying enough, if it merely offered the possibility of conflicts of interest; however having read Dr. Shiv Chopra's book *Corrupt to the Core*—which shows in detail the degree to which Health Canada is influenced by large corporations and pharmaceutical interests—I am both alarmed and disgusted that an unelected government agency is allowed to create, enforce and oversee its own rules with no outside supervision.

Health Canada claims that they are only doing what is necessary to 'ensure safe and effective NHPs' but they are banning products which have been used safely by Canadians for generations. Products that would have succumb to market forces, if they were not effective. According to Canadian Poison Control statistics, not one single Canadian death ever has been attributed to an NHP. And yet a conservatively estimated 10,000 Canadians die every year from pharmaceuticals.

Of the 20,000 plus NHP license applications that have been denied to date, only three (3)* have been based on alleged safety concerns. Since Health Canada refuses to release the information these refusals were based on, the safety concerns remain merely alleged. Since 2004, the natural health community has lost over 40,000 safe and effective products, and businesses in your constituency are closing.

Who is Health Canada to tell me that I cannot choose to purchase and consume a product which I, as an intelligent and educated citizen, consider to enhance my wellbeing? Who is Health Canada to tell me whether a product is effective for me personally or not? Why should Health Canada have the power to force me to manage my health with chemical pharmaceuticals because they have eliminated the natural options that *worked* for my individual needs? Why would Health Canada wish to do this? After all, with all the upcoming health crises and viral pandemics we keep hearing about, Canadians, along with their democratic government, are going to want every possible health option, right? People, including myself, have been optimizing their wellness from the full range NHPs available to us since *well before* the 2004 Regulations 'approved' natural health products. And we've all been doing it at our own expense.

As my democratically elected representative, I would like to hear your opinion on the facts, not a reproduction of Health Canada's disarming and misleading interpretation of the situation. You will find that the Regulations as currently written have taken a very different direction than that intended by Parliament. My wellbeing, and that of my family, is being affected right now, as well as the livelihood of businesses Canadians have trusted and supported for generations. Can you please help to protect us by doing all you can to have the NHP Regulations suspended and reviewed?

Then please take some time to familiarize yourself with the Charter of Health Freedom,** a piece of legislation which would not only solve the regulatory crisis but ensure that conflicts of interest and hidden agendas can never again damage the health and the constitutional rights of Canadians. Legislation, as you know, should form the basis of any democratic society, with a fundamental right being the freedom to choose how we treat our own bodies.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the welfare of your constituents,

Sincerely,

Signed

Dated

* Reference the Health Canada website: Natural Health Product Directorate section

** Details are available at www.charterofhealthfreedom.org or www.nhppa.org

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A Letter regarding the Natural Health Product Regulations

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