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NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

WHY DOES THE NHPPA COLLECT SIGNATURES ON PRINTED COPIES OF THE CHARTER PETITION AND NOT ON-LINE?

Many people feel this is cumbersome, time consuming and inefficient in this day and age. There are numerous on-line petitions out there where people can add their voice and append their email address with a simple click. It is an important issue to consider when deciding how to make our elected representatives sit up and listen to us.



WHY A PAPER PETITION?

There are several ways for citizens to communicate with their government and an online petition is one such option; it can go viral fast and produce a vast number of signatories, but what is the value of an online signature? Anyone who has collected signatures for a paper petition will know that each and every name represents an active commitment to the issues that the online disconnect just does not bring. And our government knows this too!

Some governments pay attention to online petitions, Canada's does not. There is one thing that an online petition cannot do, force the Minister to respond.

Petitions which have been drawn up and presented correctly can be presented during routine parliamentary proceedings by an MP. Once our petition is presented the government must respond within 45 days.

Collecting signatures in this way may seem old fashioned, it may appear inefficient, but it gives the document an ultimate power that an online version just wouldn't have.

We are so convinced that the Charter of Health Freedom is our nation's most positive answer to the erosion of our personal freedoms that we want to take the time and trouble to force a debate, in a legitimate way.

WHY IS MY ADDRESS NEEDED?

There is just one method for formulating a petition which the Canadian government accepts as valid. Every petition is carefully checked by the office of the Clerk of Petitions. Only then can it be presented to the House of Commons.

All signatures on valid petitions must be original, and mailing addresses must be added to confirm that all signatories are Canadian residents. **Only Canadian residents are entitled to petition Canada's Parliament.**

WHY CAN'T I ADD OTHER NOTES ON THE PETITION PAGE?

The documents must not be marked or altered in any way to change the initial request (or 'petition') set out on the front page. Any additions other than the details of signatories renders that page of the petition useless.

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

We will present this petition when it becomes the largest since the federal petition in support of our Canadian Bill of Rights in 1949. As of March 2014 our total of approximately 93,000 signatures tops the largest federal petition presented to Parliament in the last 15 years. And we know that every one of those 93,000 people understands and supports the Charter of Health Freedom.

HOW CAN I HELP?

1. Download a copy from www.nhppa.org

2. Collect signatures from all of your networks. Take it wherever you go! To work, school, family events, social clubs and more. Have a petition signing party for NHPs!

3. Educate your networks. Ask if your local health food store has a petition signing station! Identify new petition stations. Get them information from our citizen Action Kits at www.nhppa.org.

4. Mail completed petition sheets to the mailing address at the foot of each *petition* page. Check out the current number of signatures and learn more about the Charter of Health Freedom at www.nhppa.org

WHY SHOULD EVERY CANADIAN SIGN THE CHARTER OF HEALTH FREEDOM PETITION?

Until recently we were free to access all safe and effective natural health products. They required no approval from Health Canada. We are now in a situation where individual Canadians are no longer free to access the Natural Health Products (NHPs) that worked for them. We are talking about people that you know, and people that you don't, who used to be free to choose how they treated their own bodies.

When Health Canada criminalizes a treatment the focus is to remove the product at all costs. They don't take health consequences of people into consideration. Everyday Canadians have suffered by government making health decisions for them.

If you think this is wrong and you think this takes away people's freedoms, we ask you to sign the petition.

The dismantling of the industry is the inevitable result of the regulations as they're currently written. The Charter of Health Freedom is a proposed legislation that gives NHPs their own act. It's an independent law. A law that creates a new ministry that has its own sets of rules from which appropriate regulations stem. It's a third category, apart from the Drug category where NHPs are currently placed.

SIGNING THE CHARTER PETITION MEANS YOU SUPPORT YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL AND CHARTER RIGHTS TO CHOOSE NATURAL HEALTH PRODUCTS YOU NEED.

You are standing up for every citizen who is being harmed, knowingly, and with no recourse to law, by bureaucrats with no medical training.

The Charter of Health Freedom could stop the regulatory crisis. It could end the criminalization of natural health products. It is a fully-formed piece of legislation which would regulate for fraud, adulteration and misrepresentation without a presumption of danger for products which have been used safely for generations.

The Charter of Health Freedom considers people first. Not profits, corporate interest or trade agreements. It is about personal freedom and individual choice, a reminder to exercise and protect the rights and freedoms we enjoy as Canadians.

WITHOUT THE CHARTER OF HEALTH FREEDOM...

Since 2004 over 40,000 safe and effective NHPs have been taken off the Canadian market. NHPPA predicts 75% of all NHPs will be lost as full enforcement of the current 2004 NHP Regulations ramps up.

Vitamins, minerals and herbs are considered dangerous drugs under the current 2004 NHP Regulations.

The quality of products are changing. Many multi-ingredient formulas have been restricted and many have been reduced to non-therapeutic doses.

Innovation into multi-ingredient products is being stifled.

Many small and medium-sized high-quality firms have not survived, they cannot afford the costs of compliance.

Many manufacturers/retailers are being raided and terrorized by Health Canada as part of full enforcement of the current Regulations.

Eventually, we will face cost recovery.

The Charter of Health Freedom is the only real solution in Canada to the legislative crisis in existence today

EVERY SIGNATURE COUNTS.

Help us raise the record breaking unique signatures we need to support making this Charter law.

Download the petition and Charter info at www.nhppa.org

For more information and to become engaged go to www.nhppa.org and check out our Citizen Action Kits!

CANADA'S LARGEST PETITION

In March 2014 we are 96.7% of the way to the largest federal petition our government has seen in 65 years.

We already have the largest Federal petition most sitting MPs have ever seen.

We are ready to identify the MP who will present this positive solution to Parliament. Does your MP listen? Email info@nhppa.org if you would like to set up a conversation between your MP and Shawn Buckley.

Visit www.nhppa.org for more information on petitions.