

Dear _____ M.P./ Hon. Member/ Rt. Hon. Member
(cc: Minister of Health, Mark Holland, Deputy Minister, Stephen Lucas, NNHPD Director, Natalie Page)

As a voting Canadian citizen, I am alarmed at Health Canada's (HC's) proposals regarding Natural Health Products (NHPs) and their motivations. The so-called "Self-care" Framework will *decrease* my ability to care for myself! HC's claim that the framework won't make NHP's more expensive is deceitful. (Proposed fee schedule: (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/programs/consultation-proposed-fees-natural-health-products/fees-fee-policy.html>) Further, HC did not have my consent to push NHPs under the same regulatory umbrella as pharmaceuticals in clauses 500-504 of Bill C-47. Why have they been so persistent in enacting this, when it opposes 3 major public protests, (1997, 2008, 2017), and the *multi-year recommendations* by the Standing Committee on Health?
(See pages 13,14 - Final Report of the Standing Committee: "Natural Health Products: A New Vision")

The real reason behind HC's persistence was their goal of eliminating the rule of law when demanding NHP product recalls, i.e. to become judge, jury, and executioner with no legal recourse for NHP companies! This has now been accomplished. In years to come, when attention on this matter has passed, HC, in collusion with the pharmaceutical industry, is preparing to **protect USE-PATENTS on isolated natural compounds using recalls**. When companies like Bayer launch their "new" NHPs with patented uses, they will simply have HC issue recalls for one absurd reason or another. Subsequently, competing NHP companies will have no option but to comply, as there is ***no one to appeal to***, or intervene, other than HC themselves. They will eliminate countless NHPs, just like they did when HC invoked the NHP Regulations in 2004. Over the next 6 years, Canadians lost approximately 1/3 of their product selection...but this time the NHPs won't be replaced.

If you don't believe any of this, simply ask the HC bureaucrats involved what a "Class III Novel Application" means or applies to? It applies to intellectual property rights, i.e. patents.

HC has experience protecting patents, just like they did with L-Carnitine. This amino acid substance is produced by the body to enable it to burn fat. It is safe enough to be highly recommended for pregnant mothers, and to be added to every infant formula on the market. In 1991, a use-patent for L-Carnitine was filed by Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals for applications to kidney disease. The company came out with a drug called Carnitor, which is still on the market. Health Canada assisted by making it illegal to sell L-Carnitine supplements in Canada for exactly 20 years, from 1991 to 2011, even though it remained in baby formulas. They did this by classifying it as a "new drug", which needed to have its safety *proven* to be legal for sale. But in January of 2012, this restriction was magically lifted. Why? Because the patent expired!

HC also **does not have my consent** to provide "Regulatory Assistance" to the pharmaceutical industry in the form of **trade barriers** using their proposed "Class III Novel Applications & Amendments". These will cost up to \$90,000 for a single novel application with amendments, (currently free)! See fee schedule above.

The whole thing is ludicrous. As part of their 50 year plan, and against the wishes of the Canadians and Parliament, the unelected bureaucrats at HC have already succeeded in systematically "pharmaceuticalizing" NHPs, and they are in the process of turning control of them over to the pharmaceutical industry.

Do you really believe that NHPs should be treated the same as chemical pharmaceutical drugs, given that the entire class has caused zero (0) Canadian deaths since poison control stats started being kept in 1955, i.e. in 68 years? Conversely, pharmaceuticals kill a minimum of 10,000 Canadians *every* year!* Please answer this question with a written response, and help stop unelected bureaucrats from doing this to Canadians with the following measures:

1. Take governance and regulation of Natural Health Products away from Health Canada by establishing a NEW ACT for NHPs, (like cannabis or tobacco), and establish a new Ministry of Wellness.
2. Transfer the NHP Regulations to the governance of the new Ministry.

HC's relationship with the pharmaceutical industry is simply too incestuous to be trusted.

**"Facts on Prescription Drug Deaths and the Drug Industry"* by Terrance Hill MP Oakville 2009

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