

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As an engaged Canadian citizen, I am reaching out to share my deep concern about the recent changes introduced in Bill C-47, which have significant implications as it relates to Canadians' ability to access natural health products (NHPs). I have continued to follow Bill C-368's progress through Parliament, and I believe it is a crucial step toward reinstating the balanced regulatory framework that Canadians need.

Sections 500-504 of Bill C-47 classified NHPs under the same regulatory category as chemical drugs, exposing the entire industry to heavy regulations and steep penalties—up to \$5,000,000 per day. This reclassification poses a substantial threat to citizens and natural health businesses across Canada, many of which cannot afford the high costs or financial risk associated with these new standards.

The changes in Bill C-47 not only limit consumer choice but also risk dismantling the health freedom Canadians have fought to preserve through years of advocacy and reform.

For countless Canadians, NHPs provide safe and affordable options for wellness and self-care, distinct from pharmaceutical drugs. By treating NHPs as therapeutic products, Bill C-47 places an undue regulatory burden on small, community-based companies that lack the resources of large pharmaceutical corporations. Without adjustments to this legislation, Canadians' access to these valued health products will be severely restricted, limiting our ability to make informed and independent health decisions.

I urge you to review constitutional lawyer, Shawn Buckley's, recent brief to the Standing Committee on Health in support of Bill C-368, available here: <https://nhppa.org/bill-C368/HESA-2024>

Bill C-368 seeks to repeal Sections 500-504 of Bill C-47 (now known as the Budget Implementation Act, 2023, No. 1) and would restore the regulatory distinction between NHPs and chemical drugs – a first step to ensure that Canadians continue to have access to safe and trusted natural health products free from the excessive barriers introduced by Bill C-47.

We need leaders who are willing to protect our right to make health choices that align with our personal values and needs.

I ask you to represent me by supporting Bill C-368 through the Report Stage and Third Reading.

Thank you,

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