

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

As a Canadian citizen who values health sovereignty, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent regulatory changes introduced in Bill C-47, which have significant implications for Natural Health Products (NHPs) across Canada. I am following the progress of Bill C-368 closely, as it represents a critical opportunity to help safeguard Canadians' rights to make personal choices about managing our health.

Sections 500-504 of Bill C-47 classify NHPs as therapeutic products, subjecting them to the same strict regulations as pharmaceutical drugs. This change in classification threatens to severely limit access to NHPs, which many Canadians rely on as accessible and affordable health solutions.

For decades, Canadians have voiced their preference for a regulatory framework that respects the unique safety profile of NHPs, yet Bill C-47 ignores this, prioritizing restrictions that could cause these trusted products to disappear from our shelves.

Shawn Buckley, a constitutional lawyer with over 30 years of experience in natural health product regulation, summarizes the issue well: *"There is no account of the danger of removing NHPs Canadians are successfully using to manage serious health conditions."* For many, NHPs offer effective health solutions that pharmaceuticals may not, and this new regulatory approach fails to consider the unique benefits of NHPs. Unlike chemical drugs, NHPs have a long history of safe use, and Canadians have made it clear since 1997 that they want increased access to these products—not tighter restrictions.

I urge you to review the recent Brief submitted by Shawn Buckley 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 re-establish the regulatory distinction between NHPs and pharmaceutical drugs, helping to maintain Canadians' right to choose natural health products that align with personal health needs.

Bill C-368 is currently being studied by the Standing Committee on Health. In the near future, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Report Stage and cast your vote in the Third Reading, which will decide if the bill advances to the Senate for further consideration.

As your constituent, I urge you to represent my views by supporting Bill C-368 through these critical stages.

Respectfully,

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