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## **Historic Milestone: Charter of Health Freedom Petition Tabled in Parliament with 157,057 Signatures**

**Ottawa, March 23, 2026**

The Natural Health Products Protection Association (NHPPA) is proud to announce that a landmark petition in support of the Charter of Health Freedom has been officially tabled in the House of Commons.

On March 12, 2026, Member of Parliament Blaine Calkins (Ponoka—Didsbury) presented the petition, bearing 157,057 confirmed signatures, to the House of Commons. The signatures were counted and validated by the Clerk of Petitions. This extraordinary citizen-led effort ranks as the third-largest paper petition ever submitted to Parliament in Canadian history.

March 12, 2026, will be recognized as **Charter of Health Freedom Day**—a pivotal moment marking the advancement of true health freedom for all Canadians.

The Charter of Health Freedom seeks to:

- Codify the health rights that Canadian courts have recognized;
- Require the government to respect and uphold these health rights; and
- Safeguard access to natural health products and traditional medicines by establishing a distinct legal category separate from pharmaceuticals.

This petition formally calls upon the Government of Canada to enact the Charter of Health Freedom into law. Given the petition's substantial size, the government is required to provide an official response.

"This achievement belongs to every Canadian who contributed a signature over many years of dedicated grassroots effort," said representatives from the NHPPA. "We extend our deepest gratitude to all who participated. Together, we are driving meaningful change toward greater health freedom."

To learn more about the Charter of Health Freedom, visit: <https://www.charterofhealthfreedom.org/>

### **Call to Action**

The next phase of this campaign focuses on educating Members of Parliament—particularly those in the Liberal Government—about the necessity of enacting the Charter of Health Freedom for the benefit of all Canadians.

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Supporters are encouraged to take immediate action through:

- Sending e-letters
- Mailing physical letters
- Making phone calls
- Requesting meetings with their Mps

Visit <https://nhppa.org/cohf-26> to access resources and take action today. Continued weekly engagement is essential until this goal is achieved.

### **About the NHPPA**

The Natural Health Products Protection Association (NHPPA) is dedicated to protecting Canadians' access to natural health products and advancing legislative reforms that prioritize health freedom and choice.

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