

Dear _____ M.P./ Hon. Member/ Rt. Hon. Member
(cc: Minister of Health, Jean Yves Duclos, Deputy Minister, Stephen Lucas, NNHPD Director, N. Page)

As a Voting Canadian citizen I **strongly object** to Health Canada (HC) slipping Natural Health Products (NHPs) into the same regulatory class as chemical pharmaceutical drugs at the very end of this year's budget bill, **Bill C-47**. I want this Bill repealed and clauses 500-504 removed, as they eliminate the exemption from "Therapeutic Products" which NHPs previously had. The reason HC used such furtive means for this is because they knew that the instant the public found out about it, they would start **protesting again, for the 4th time**. The first was in 1997, the second in 2007, and the third in 2017! **Could the wishes of the majority of Canadians be any more clear?**

Due to this "back-door" change, NHP manufacturers and their owners are now subject to the same Five Million Dollar-A-Day fines as prescription and OTC pharmaceuticals, **when in 68 years NHPs have caused zero (0) Canadian deaths....not a single one; whereas pharmaceuticals are well known to be a leading cause of death yearly!** This penalty is like cutting off someone's hand after they steal a loaf of bread. And you can be sure that HC is going to use this "Big Stick" to eliminate and shut-down NHPs, and to censor the information provided about them.

With no deaths on record in 68 years, how can Health Canada possibly justify treating NHPs the same as pharmaceutical drugs? Please give me an answer to this question in writing.

HC's NHP Regulations, (NHPR) which started in 2004, are obviously governing a made-up problem! The US has no such regulations, and millions of Canadians regularly import US products. Yet there still have been zero deaths in 19 years. Therefore **it is clear how many lives these Regulations have saved...ZERO!** Yet, they have cost Canadian taxpayers Billions since the process started. (By 2009 the total was over \$1 Billion...what is it now?)

Meanwhile Canadians suffered, while thousands of products that people relied on for their well being were eliminated by the NHPR, and in the upcoming years thousands more will be eliminated by HC's cost-recovery schemes, designed to drive the price of NHPs through the roof, and shut down small-company-competition for chemical drugs. **Indeed, when it comes to HC's true motivations, and their allegiance to the pharmaceutical industry..."the emperor has no clothes'.**

Absolute power corrupts absolutely, and no less than 5 whistle-blowers from inside HC have gone public exposing the Agency's corrupt practices. This is because HC both creates **and** enforces its own regulations, while regulating the richest, most powerful industry on the planet. It is painfully obvious that the pharmaceutical industry is regulating HC...not the other way around.

As the green revolution kicks into high gear, and science increasingly proves the credibility of natural approaches to health...and people turn away from toxic pharmaceuticals in droves...Health Canada has been only too willing to help the pharmaceutical industry protect market share by controlling the development of the NHP market through over-regulation.

Now, using NHPs inappropriate classification as "Therapeutic Products", the agency is going to censor what can be said about NHPs by attempting to limit verbal explanations to approved claims on the bottle. Of course, they will scare the NHP industry with threats of liability if off-label uses go awry, and decades of NHP knowledge and wisdom will be lost...much to the glee of the pharmaceutical industry! Then, when cost-recovery measures are invoked, this will drive prices up higher than they already are, further limiting access. **Once again, the Canadian consumer loses, and the pharmaceutical industry wins. Aren't you, as an MP, sick of this happening?**

Further, have you considered what will happen to our hospitals and front line workers if HC succeeds in making many of our NHPs inaccessible through unjust expense? **With 71% of Canadians using NHPs, (HC's own online stats), consider how many Canadians rely on NHPs to stay clear of the hospital. What will happen if Canada's hospitals are deluged by even 10% more citizens, who can no longer get the NHPs**

they formerly used? It will be bedlam, and what will break are the front line doctors and nurses. How much suffering will this cause? Please help me, your constituent, stop this see-through injustice, and don't simply cast aside my needs. Please respond in writing to the above concerns, as well as those written below.

Signed _____

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