

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT,

Whereas due to an ineffective and insufficient regulatory regime, most household goods and products sold in Canada, both domestic and imported, do not currently carry sufficient labelling of all constituent substances to ensure transparency, accountability, and safety for Canadian families;

Whereas many household goods and products that are available in Canada, including those presumed to be innocuous such as cosmetics, clothing, footwear, furniture, and food, contain toxic, poisonous, or otherwise dangerous substances, with the potential to harm people, in both their homes and places of work, and the environment;

Whereas according to the Canadian Cancer Society, “Community Right to Know has become a central and successful part of environmental policy in many countries. For example, in the US, emissions of 260 known carcinogens and reproductive toxins dropped by almost 50% after that country passed the *Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act*”;

And whereas according to the World Health Organization, the “Right to Health” affirms that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental human right, and the Government of Canada has a duty to work to ensure the health and safety of all Canadians;

THEREFORE,

Your petitioners call on the Government of Canada to,

Immediately enact legislation that guarantees Canadians’ Right to Know, ensuring that all Canadians are able to make well informed decisions for their personal health and safety, about their workplaces and the products they consume, with Mandatory Labelling based on complete, accountable, and transparent disclosure of **all** substances in household and workplace-related goods and products.

Signature

Full Address with City and Province

Email (optional)

Guidelines

1. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
2. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
3. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
4. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
5. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
6. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.
7. Please return all original signed petitions, postage free, to your Member of Parliament.