

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

DYING WITH DIGNITY

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

THAT, WHEREAS Section 241 of the Criminal Code of Canada states: *Everyone who (a) counsels a person to commit suicide, or (b) aids or abets a person to commit suicide, whether suicide ensues or not, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years;*

WHEREAS public polling of Canadians on the question of doctor-assisted death, conducted in July of 2012, by Angus Reid Public Opinion reveals that 80% of Canadians support allowing a doctor to, at the request of a competent, fully-informed, grievously ill patient, assist the patient in ending his or her life;

WHEREAS Section 241 of the Criminal Code is therefore contrary to the values and democratic preferences of a very large majority of Canadians; and

WHEREAS on February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously decided that an adult should be able to decide their own end-of-life care when they suffer from grievous and irremediable medical conditions; and

WHEREAS the ruling requires the federal government to introduce new legislation on doctor-assisted death in keeping with the wishes of the majority of Canadians by February 6, 2016;

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call on the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to respect the will of Canadians and the Supreme Court judgment by enacting new legislation that provides clear guidelines to physicians, and provides competent, fully-informed, and grievously ill patients the option to make their own end of life decisions.

Signature	Full Address with City and Province	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call on the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to respect the will of Canadians and the Supreme Court judgment by enacting new legislation that provides clear guidelines to physicians, and provides competent, fully-informed, and grievously ill patients the option to make their own end of life decisions.

Signature	Full Address with City and Province	Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Guidelines

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. 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.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
8. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.

Please return all original signed petitions, postage free, to:

Elizabeth May, M.P.
518 Confederation Building
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Please email elizabeth.may@parl.gc.ca or call 613-996-1119 if you have any questions.