

Bill C-6 (former C-52) **Equals Limited Freedom of Choice in Healthcare and Supplements**

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Dear Members

Ottawa has reintroduced yet another supplement safety bill under the guise of protecting the public. Bill C-6 or the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act passed its first reading in the House of Commons on January 29, 2009.

The Government is taking full advantage of the recent alarm and outrage over contaminated consumer products coming from China to justify extreme measures of control over Canada's manufacturing, importation, packaging, storing, advertising, selling, labelling, testing and transportation of the same. While certain elements of this bill may be justifiable in the protection from dangerous substances, other elements pose a threat to our access to quality supplements, vitamins and other natural health products by abolishing our current legal procedural safeguards. There is nothing like *fear* to create the need for Authority and more Regulations.

The problem of Regulation becomes more complex when the Canadian Government covertly endorses and makes legislative provisions for powerful foreign governments and/or organizations to impose laws on Canada without our vote or proper parliamentary procedure. A simple amendment to the current Bill C-6 would allow for the implementation of a foreign standard such as CODEX by passing a regulation.

It is time Canadians reset the powers of government so that its policies and procedures serve to protect the needs of its people and not that of global business. Canadians need the kind of protection suggested by the 'Charter of Health Freedom' document drafted by Shawn Buckley LLB, constitutional lawyer and regulations expert.

To get a detailed 'Draft Discussion Paper' on Bill C-6 and learn more about the 'Charter of Health Freedom' document, visit the Natural Health Products Protection Association (NHPPA) website at: www.nhppa.org.

Canadians need to send a clear message to Government(s) that we will not tolerate anything less than legislation and a health system that honours Canadian's rights and freedom to natural,

traditional and conventional medicine for the greater good of all. Forced, unfair political and economic control from either domestic or foreign sources for any reason is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

IONC is in communication with other complementary health professionals and associations to establish a clear and concise plan to both stop Bill C-6's threat to the Natural Health Community and to assist in the establishment of a new 'Charter of Health Freedom'. It is not enough to fight for 'freedom from' Bill C-6 we must also fight for 'freedom to' a better future.

Please stay tuned as IONC formalizes the most beneficial strategy for members to participate in a meaningful solution.

Sincerely,
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