## A PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS A CALL TO SUPPORT M-198 AND REVERSE THE DECISION TO APPLY AN EXCISE DUTY TAX ON MEDICAL CANNABIS

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

**WHEREAS**, health care is a basic human right and no Canadian should be denied access to the prescription medicine they need to be healthy;

**WHEREAS**, a "medical cannabis product" is a cannabis product sold for medical purposes pursuant to a license for the sale of cannabis for medical purposes granted in accordance with the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act or the Cannabis Act;

**WHEREAS**, although medical cannabis does not have a DIN, it is produced and sold in a highly regulated regime known as the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, patients who are legally authorized/prescribed cannabis for medical purposes by a physician and prescribing healthcare practitioner can legally purchase quality-controlled cannabis for medical purposes from a Health Canada licensed producer;

**WHEREAS**, the Canada Revenue Agency considers cannabis for medical purposes a tax-deductible medical expense; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada allows for reasonable access to medical cannabis for all Canadians who have been authorized to use it by a health care practitioner.

**THEREFORE, your petitioners call on the Government of Canada** to support Motion M-198, reverse its decision to apply an excise duty to cannabis sold for medical purposes; to recognize that medical cannabis should be exempt from the federal Goods and Services Tax; to exempt medical cannabis from any taxes including the new excise tax after the passage of Bill C-74, the budget implementation act; to zero-rate the medical cannabis tax in line with all other prescription medicine and to exempt medical cannabis products from any additional taxes by amending T 3 Amendments to the Excise Act, 2001 (Cannabis Taxation), the Excise Tax Act and Other Related Texts, 69(4) Section 2 of the Act, in order to allow for reasonable access to medical cannabis for all Canadians authorized to use it by a health care practitioner.

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