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Petition e-2729 to Support Individuals with Environmental Sensitivities

My name is Marie LeBlanc and I am an artist with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities. When I was first diagnosed with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) also known as Environmental Sensitivities (ES), I was happy to finally have a name for the medical issues I was dealing with.

People with ES have adverse reactions to things in the environment such as perfumes, building materials, mold, electronic devices and much more. Multiple body organ systems can be affected. Symptoms can range from irritating to completely debilitating. Approximately 3% of Canadians have been diagnosed with Environmental Sensitivities.¹

I was soon to learn though, that like many other disabilities such as chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia, the medical community is often at odds as to whether ES should be classified as a disability.

ES has been recognized as a disability by the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) and by the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC), yet the Canadian government does not recognize it as such which means that there is no medical designation code for ES.

As a result, sufferers do not have access to appropriate medical treatment, housing and social support.

For me this meant that when I had to move out of my apartment because of a mold infestation I had no recourse. It also means that I often cannot enter into indoor public spaces without adverse reactions because there are no laws or regulations implemented which govern the use of chemicals for cleaning public spaces, or restricts the use of perfumes or scented products in those spaces which are harmful for those living with ES.

I decided that I needed to approach the government of Canada by creating a petition to the House of Commons which would bring the issues that those with ES face to the forefront. With this petition we will be able to show the Canadian government that Canadians support those with ES.

With your help, we will challenge the Canadian government to recognize

its citizens that live with ES every day. We will send the messages that those with ES deserve support so that they are not left homeless and alone. With your help we will show the government of Canada that those with ES will no longer be left behind and forgotten.

Thank you for your signature and your support.

Follow this link to sign and support the petition:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2729>

1 <https://www.environmentalhealth.ca/summer07humanrights.html>

<https://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/eng/content/medical-perspective-environmental-sensitivities>

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Please share widely.

Thankyou

Marie