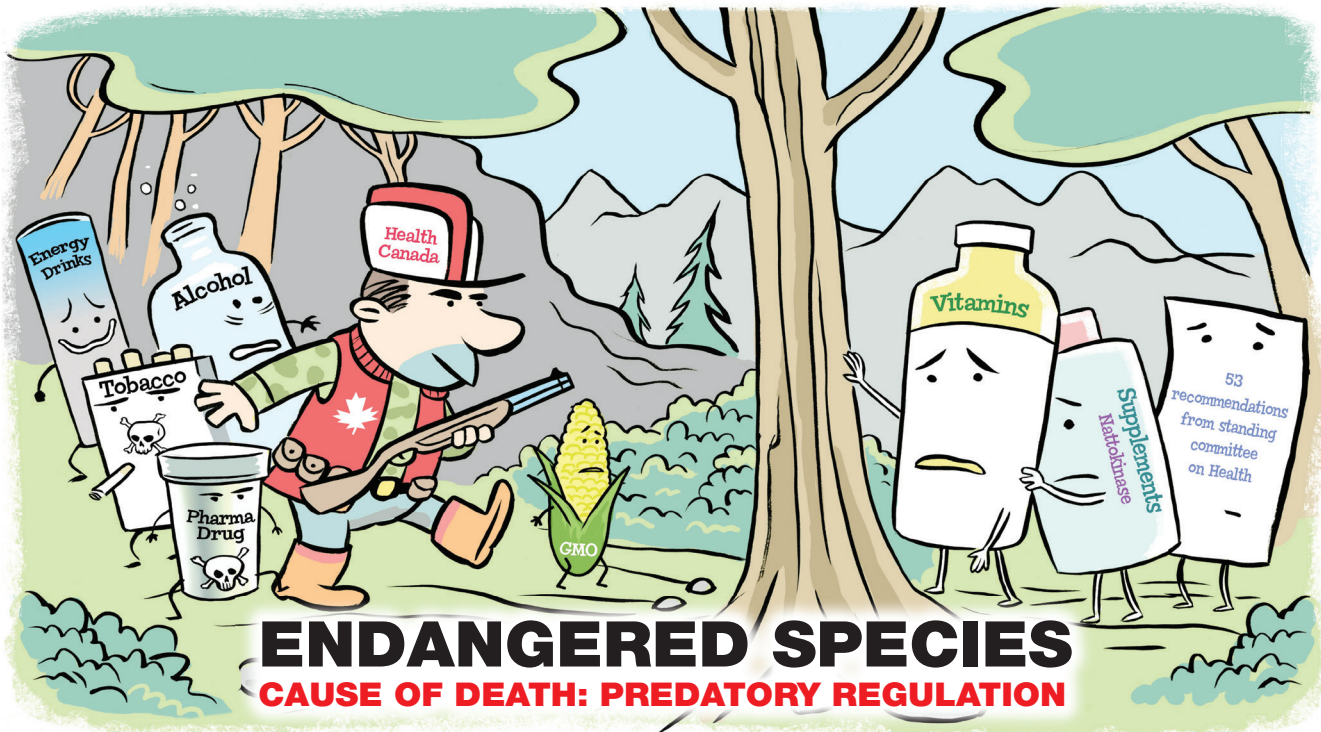


"If people let government decide what foods they eat and what medicines they take, their bodies will soon be in as sorry a state as are the souls of those who live under tyranny."

Thomas Jefferson (1762-1821), Third President of the USA, author of the Declaration of Independence.



**DO YOU WANT
MY VOTE?**

Dear _____ X

M.P. / Hon. Member / Rt. Hon. Member
(cc: Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Health
Leona Aglukkaq, Deputy Minister Glenda Yeates)

Why is Health Canada attacking safe and effective Natural Health Products (NHPs) under the guise of "safety" while fast-tracking known chemical drug killers?¹

Over 10,000 Canadians die each year due to pharmaceutical complications.²

Only 55 big pharma products have been removed from the Canadian market since 1963 despite hundreds of thousands of deaths.²

Thousands of NHPs have been removed from the Canadian market since 2004, all without serious injury or death. The risk of mortality from NHPs is less than the chance of being struck by lightning.³

Stephen Harper promised to pass Bill C-420 "in order to regulate NHPs as 'food-style' rather than 'drug-style' products" in recognition of their "safety record".⁴ Harper also stated that the current drug-style regulations allow Health Canada to "remove effective NHPs from the marketplace and shut down research into NHPs."⁴ The Prime Minister's promise never materialized.

Despite all of the above facts, **Health Canada continues to mislead MPs, media, and the public** by claiming that regulatory actions against NHPs are driven by safety.

By misapplying synthetic drug-style regulations to NHPs, Health Canada is blocking my access to safe and effective low-cost natural remedies. If left unchecked, we may only have dangerous high-cost pharmaceuticals to choose from in the future. As a proud Canadian, I will not stand for these infringements upon our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As my Representative, I expect you to urgently address my concerns and request that you work to initiate the following:

1. **SUSPEND AND REPEAL** Health Canada's misapplied drug-style NHP regulations.
2. **PROTECT MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT** to consume the NHPs of my choice.
3. **IMMEDIATELY START AN INQUIRY** to determine why Health Canada did not follow through with Prime Minister Stephen Harper's promises regarding NHP regulations.
4. **APPOINT AN OMBUDSMAN** to ensure that Health Canada's regulatory activities respect the Rule of Law, do not infringe upon our Charter and Constitutional Rights, are not influenced by any industry, and cannot be enforced without Ombudsman authorization.

Any future municipal, provincial, and federal votes for you or your party from me, my family, and our networks will depend upon your action in this matter. Please do not insult my intelligence with any factually invalid "safety" reasoning in your response.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and comprehensive written response to the above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____



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³ <http://www.anh-europe.org/news/anh-exclusive-lightning-more-dangerous-than-herbs-or-vitamins>

⁴ "One Conservative Voice", Stephen Harper's 2004 Healthcare Platform, page 9.