

# **LIVING WITH CANCER**

## **PETITION**

### **TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA**

- Did you know that if you have cancer or any other serious illness, you are **only entitled to 15 weeks of sickness benefits** paid by employment insurance?
- Did you know that you have to **work 600 hours in advance**, in the past 52 weeks to be entitled to employment insurance?
- Did you know that these benefits are taxable and have not been **indexed since 1971**?
- Did you know that unless you have the chance to recover quickly, **you'll never be eligible for any other benefits**?



I did not. I am a young mother 39 years dealing with a 3rd cancer in 5 years. What is 15 weeks to recover from major surgery and exhausting treatments?

Despite all my profession skills, I have not had the chance to obtain a permanent job within the public service. At each recurrence, I had to rely on employment insurance. Thus I have gone over a year without any revenue and this for the third time.

This situation is unacceptable. Instead of feeling sorry for myself, I decided to act and lead, together with you, this second battle.

Please help me to make a difference by signing this petition.

If you want to get involved by circulating this petition in your community, additional copies can be obtained at the following address: [www.petitionassuranceemploi.com](http://www.petitionassuranceemploi.com)

On my behalf and on behalf of all those who go through this ordeal, thank you.

***Marie-Hélène Dubé***

*NOTE:* We are starting now in Phase 3 of the petition. Note that Phases 1 and 2 have already raised over 300,000 signatures! Thus, as the petition remains on the Order Paper of the House of Commons, we continue collecting more signatures until at least the fall of 2010. It is important to persevere and to raise as many as possible. So we continue to educate the government about the importance of making changes to this law

## Instructions for the petition

- It is essential to print the paper version of the petition. It must be delivered in this format to the Clerk of the House of Commons, otherwise it will not be eligible.
- It is also important to ensure that people affix their signatures as specified in the form, i.e., name, city and zip code.
- Please note it is not necessary to be 18 to sign the petition, it is only essential to understand the act of the signature.
- There is a mailing address at the bottom of each page, it is at this address that the petition must be returned.
- If you get a lot of signatures, I would very much appreciate that you mail me the pages in order to allow me to track the number of signatures in progress and advise concerned members of the count.
- If you want to get the petition in a Word format, please write to me at the address listed in the "contact me" section.
- If at all possible and you have other places (shops, restaurants, etc.) where you leave a copy of the petition for signature, please, tell me that I can note this information on the site.

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To you all, a huge thank you for your support and participation!

Marie-Hélène ☺



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**PÉTITION À LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA  
PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA**

**Nous, soussignés,** citoyens Canada  
**We, undersigned,** citizens of Canada

**désirons porter à l'attention de** La Chambre des communes  
**Would like to bring to the attention of**  
*The House of Commons*

**Que** Considérant que les dispositions de l'article 12(3c) de la Loi sur l'Assurance-Emploi, prévoyant un nombre maximal de quinze [15] semaines de prestations payables en cas de maladie, n'ont pas été modifiées depuis leur instauration en 1971,

**That** *Whereas the provisions of Article 12 (3c) of the Act on Employment Insurance, which provides a maximum of fifteen [15] weeks of benefits payable in case of illness, have not been amended since their introduction in 1971,*

**À ces causes, les pétitionnaires demandent à**  
La Chambre des communes

**To these causes, the petitioners ask the**  
*The House of Commons*

**Que :** Lesdites dispositions soient significativement rallongées pour tenir compte, de façon plus réaliste, des durées variables des diverses catégories de périodes d'invalidité vécues par les prestataires.

**That :** *These provisions be significantly extended to reflect, in a more realistic way, the variable durations of different periods of disability experienced by beneficiaries.*

**Prière de retourner à / Please return to : Marie-Hélène Dubé, C.P./P.O. 162, Succursale  
Montréal -Nord, Montréal, Qc, H1H 5L2**



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**Pétition concernant**

La modification des dispositions de l'article 12(3c) de la Loi de l'assurance-emploi pour les prestations payables en cas de maladie.

**Petition relating to**

*The modification of Article 12 (3c) of the Employment Insurance coverage for benefits payable in case of illness.*

<b>Signatures</b> <i>Signatures</i>	<b>Ville</b> <i>City</i>	<b>Province</b> <i>Province</i>	<b>Code postal</b> <i>Postal code</i>
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