

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 38 years dealing with a 3rd cancer in 5 years. What is 15 weeks to recover from major surgery and exhausting treatments?

Despite all my skills, I do not have the chance to occupy a permanent job within the public service. At each recurrence, I had to rely on employment insurance. Thus for the last several months, I am without income for an indefinite period.

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

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

Marie-Hélène Dubé

NOTE: This petition has been drafted in accordance with the standards of the Canadian Parliament and will be tabled in the House of Commons in the spring of 2010.

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.
- 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
- **Deadline :** We are now starting phase 2 of the petition. Please note that phase 1 has allowed of to get 65 000 signatures. So, as long as the petition is newsworthy, we will continue to accumulate signatures. It is important to persevere and get as many signature as possible. This is how we will continue to increase the governments awareness to make changes to this law.

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,
We, undersigned,

citoyens Canada
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 :

Les dites 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

