PETITION to the House of Commons

WHEREAS:

1. On July 14, 2004, three scientists in the Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Shiv Chopra, Margaret Haydon and Gerard Lambert, were fired by Health Canada; and

2. These three scientists have become known as whistle-blowers as a result of their prolonged efforts to publicly raise awareness of various products and practices of questionable safety. Their objections to the approval of the genetically modified cow growth hormone (rBGH) to enhance milk production was the key factor in stopping this drug from being used in Canada; and

3. They drew attention to Canada's beef sector BSE risk (mad cow disease) and called for better prevention measures years ago; opposed approval of various antibiotics for use in animal feed which leads to the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria; opposed approval of hormones as growth-promoters that are banned in Europe and linked to the development of cancer; and

4. Many Canadians, including ourselves, are deeply concerned that these firings were unjust, politically motivated due to pressure from pharmaceutical companies, and an attempt to silence legitimate objections to the approval of feed and drugs that pose a danger to Canadians' health.

Therefore, we call upon the House of Commons to immediately commence an independent and public investigation into Health Canada's firing of Shiv Chopra, Margaret Haydon and Gerald Lambert.

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