

## **Important information about the Petition to Treasury Board President Tony Clement**

The purpose of this petition is to raise awareness about the importance of federal public services and to demonstrate to Members of Parliament and Treasury Board President Tony Clement that there is public support to stop the Conservative government's plans to cut these services.

The plan is to circulate the petitions as widely as possible to gain as many signatures as possible. Our goal is to collect over 150,000 signatures.

We will ask each MP to present the petitions collected in their riding in the House of Commons. We will also present the complete petition to Treasury Board President Tony Clement.

### **Key points about the petition**

- There must be at least 25 **signatures** on each petition for it to be accepted in the House of Commons. Petitions with less than 25 signatures cannot be used.
- The petition is 8 ½ x 14 with room for up to 30 signatures on one page. A bilingual version can be printed where required.
- With each signature, there must be an address – city and postal code are sufficient.
- This petition has a column for the person's name to be printed. However, the person must **sign** the petition. A printed name alone is not acceptable.
- There is also a column for an e-mail address. This is strictly for the purpose of providing the person with updates about our campaign and will not be used for any other purpose.
- While both the printed name and email address portions are optional, please encourage supporters to provide this information.
- A copy must be made of each completed petition. The original will be given to the MP, the copy sent to Dale Robinson ([robinsd@psac.com](mailto:robinsd@psac.com)) in Ottawa.
- It is critical that each MP see addresses on the petition that are in his or her riding. Obviously it will be impossible to ensure that every petition form only has supporters from one riding. However, we will need to group

the petitions by riding as much as possible. Please coordinate the delivery of petitions to MPs with Louise Laporte ([laportl@psac.com](mailto:laportl@psac.com)).

- If any MP refuses to accept the petitions, take note of his or her refusal, reasons for refusal and any other comments and provide this information to Louise Laporte ([laportl@psac.com](mailto:laportl@psac.com)).

### **Timeframe**

Mid July to end of October: collection of signatures; copying completed petitions and sending the copies to Ottawa; batching forms by riding; arranging meetings with MPs for the November break.

November 7-10: House of Commons is in recess. Deliver petitions to MPs.

November 14 (to be determined): Event in Ottawa to publicly announce the number of signatures and provide copies of the petitions to Tony Clement.