

Petition to the Government of Canada

Whereas:

1 in 10 Canadians have a rare disease and face immense challenges in getting the essential support, resources, and funding to survive and get better;

The Government of Canada announced an investment of up to \$1.5 billion over 3 years as part of the National Strategy for Drugs for Rare Diseases (NSDRD) to help improve access to new and existing drugs, early diagnosis and screening for rare diseases;

Other global jurisdictions, including France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Australia have already paved the way with model NSDRDs that we can learn from; and

The Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) has and will continue to work with governments across Canada to build a comprehensive rare disease strategy that supports patients, including centres of expertise, access to medicine, and investment in research.

Therefore, we the undersigned, Citizens of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

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- 2. Extend the funding for rare disease medicine as part of the NSDRD, indefinitely and widen the NSDRD scope to include centres of expertise thus allowing for any new funding for medicine to better contribute to improved care for all Canadians with rare diseases;**
- 3. Ensure that CORD and the Regroupement québécois des maladies orphelines (RQMO) are key partners in discussions on the implementation of the NSDRD.**

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