

## Petition to the Government of Canada

Whereas the opioid crisis is one of the most deadly public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death taking place on average about every two hours and a death toll of almost 15,400 in the past four years alone (January 2016 to December 2019);

Whereas the overdose crisis rages;

Therefore, we the undersigned, Citizens of Canada, call upon on the Government of Canada to declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency and:

- Take steps to end overdose deaths and overdose injuries;
- Immediately collaborate with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan;
- Ensure that any plan considers reforms that other countries have used, such as legal regulation of drugs to ensure safe, supply, decriminalization for personal use, and changes to flawed drug policy and policing;
- Ensure this emergency is taken seriously with adequately funded programming and supports.

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**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED PETITION:** Rachel Blaney, MP / House of Commons / Ottawa, ON / K1A 0A6 (Please use an envelope. No postage required.)

