

Seniors Bill of Rights

Whereas the social condition for seniors varies across Canada and directly impacts ones right to self determination;

Whereas poverty has a direct impact on the health and well being of seniors;

Whereas vulnerable seniors often require support for the use of technology as part of their quality of life choices;

Whereas seniors have earned the right to live out their years with respect and dignity, free from fear of abuse;

Whereas 1 in 7 Canadians has a disability known to increase with age, resulting in seniors having the highest rate of disabled population in Canada;

Whereas seniors have earned the right to access kind, compassionate and professional care as their medical needs increase;

Whereas a rights -based approach to intervention and care would give all older persons a voice;

Whereas Sec. 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms enshrines a right prohibiting discrimination based on age;

Be it resolved that the Liberal Party of Canada strongly encourage the Government of Canada to establish a Seniors Bill of Rights with provisions to legally require the government to:

- Consult and engage with Canada's seniors to address the challenges and opportunities of ageing in Canada
- Ensure the ethical allocation of available resources for seniors, an allocation that ensures their needs and well-being
- Ensure safety and security of person, food, transportation, mobility and housing for seniors
- Establish measurable standards that are monitored and enforced for all programs to ensure quality of life for seniors
- Establish an Advocate for seniors within the Department for Seniors with the mandate to resolve complaints and ensure a further legal layer of rights protection for seniors

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