

**Petition to the House of Commons**

**WHEREAS:**

- over 8 million people are suffering from eye diseases and 1.2 million live with vision loss or blindness;
- 75 % of vision losses cases, if diagnosed and treated early, are preventable;
- historically, the federal government has lacked any substantive framework on the matter of public eye health care and the current structure has created huge gaps in access to care;
- systematic tackling of the issue will improve lives of millions of Canadians; and
- it is necessary to establish a proper coordination framework between federal and provincial governments, increase capacity, provide sufficient funding for eye care, make vision care more affordable and inclusive, raise awareness of the importance of the vision care.

**THEREFORE:** we, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call upon the House of Commons to adopt bill C-284, an Act to establish a national strategy for eye care, as soon as possible.

<b>Signatures</b> (Canadian citizens or residents only) (Please sign your name, do not print)	<b>Addresses (such as city, province, postal code)*</b>

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