**PETITION TO THE**: Minister of Health

We, the undersigned, residents of Canada, whose signatures and addresses are set out below, draw the attention of the Minister of Health, to the following,

**THAT**:

A. there is a medical condition called Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI), for which the testing and treatment is safe, inexpensive, and effective;

B. Canadian residents with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) are being denied the right to be tested for CCSVI, even in private clinics and at their own expense;

C. the treatment for CCSVI is venography followed by balloon venoplasty, a routine treatment for vascular disease made available to all Canadians with vascular disorders, except those with MS; and

D. any doctor or institution wanting to treat CCSVI in MS patients is being threatened with sanction by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, under the purview of the Minister;

**THEREFORE,** your petitioners call upon the Minister of Health to:

Convene a meeting of Ministers of Health of the Provinces and the Federal Government of Canada to:

1. discuss allowing hospitals, private clinics and individual doctors to test for and treat CCSVI in all Canadians who so desire testing and treatment; and

2. plan and implement a nation-wide clinical trial for the evaluation of venography and balloon venoplasty for the treatment of CCSVI in persons diagnosed with MS.

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