

**PETITION TO GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CONCERNING A PAN-CANADIAN STRATEGY FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)**

- Whereas,
- Autism spectrum disorder or ASDs are pervasive disorders which affect one person in 88.
  - ASDs are characterized by social and communication challenges and a pattern of repetitive behaviours and interests.
  - ASD is lifelong, profoundly affects development and life experience, and exerts immense emotional and financial pressures on families.
  - In 2007, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology’s produced a report regarding ASDs, “Pay Now or Pay Later” with 22 recommendations.

We, the undersigned, residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- work with the provinces and territories and stakeholders to develop a pan-Canadian strategy for ASD, including, awareness and education campaigns, child, adolescent, and adult intervention innovative funding arrangements for financing therapy, surveillance, respite care, community initiatives, and research.

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