

Alberta Mackenzie CWL
Independent Seniors' Advocate
Provincial Initiative
Action Plan

“Urge the Alberta Provincial Government to amend the Alberta Health Act to ensure that the Senior’s Advocate is an Officer of the Legislature and therefore Independent”

- An **informal** petition to be circulated provincially in the month of March
- Petition - attached
- Report form attached
- Process:
 - Diocesan Presidents and their executives pray that all councils in their dioceses will become involved
 - **Diocesan Presidents** send out information to Council Presidents – Petition and cover letter (attached) ...asap so they can speak to it at their March Meetings
 - Council Presidents speak to it at March meetings and give copies of the petition to their members – petition to be circulated during the month of March and first week of April
 - Only names of persons living in their constituency are to be collected
 - Ask permission of the parish priest to collect signatures after Masses
 - If collecting at Church make sure that parishioners sign the petition for their constituency. (Some churches have members living in various constituencies)
 - If possible have the address of their MLA if people wish to write a letter to their MLA supporting the initiative
 - Council Presidents collect the petitions from their members by the middle of April. Make copies of the informal petition
 - Council Presidents (or other members of council) set up a time to meet with their MLA (all parties) the week of April 19. **Make the appointment in March.** MLAs are sitting from March 20 to 23 so should be in their offices Friday the 24th or any Friday within the month of April. **Give original informal petition to MLA.**
 - Council Presidents (or designates) should also meet with the unelected representatives of the other political parties in their constituency if possible. If possible give them a copy of the informal petition as well.

- Council Presidents will notify their Diocesan President, re: number of names collected and a short report from the meeting with their MLAs as well as give a report to their council.
- Diocesan Council will forward the report to Judy L. or Janet R. via <cwlabmk@cwl.ab.ca>.
- Once the process is completed, the Provincial Council will send a letter to the Premier as well as opposition leaders requesting action.
- An election may be called in this time so this is a great opportunity for us as MLAs and candidates should be willing to listen as we do want action.

[Report Form on next page]

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1. Name of Constituency- Constituencies

2. Name of MLA / MLAs

3. Number of names collected on petitions for each constituency/
constituencies

4. Date met with MLA / MLAs

5. Response of MLA / MLAs