**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS**

Whereas:

1. There are a number of severe potentially life threatening conditions which do not qualify for disability programs because they are not necessarily permanent or because of waiting lists for surgeries which lengthen recovery time;
2. The current medical Employment Insurance benefits of 15 weeks does not adequately address the problem;
3. Pre-existing conditions or poverty may prohibit individuals from purchasing private coverage;
4. Residents find themselves losing their homes and livelihoods while trying to fight these severe medical conditions;
5. Precedent has been set within medical EI to compensate new mothers for up to a year.

**Therefore we, the undersigned residents of Canada, call upon the House of Commons to adopt specific and precise legislation to provide additional medical EI benefits to at least equal, if not better, than Maternity EI benefits for people who find themselves in the above situations.**

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