



Why am I living with pain and infection?

ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CALL: DENTAL CARE FOR ALL

- Imagine what it's like to live with constant pain and infection that you can't afford to fix
- Every year 6 million people in Canada don't get the dental care they need because they can't afford it
- The problem is getting worse, especially for retired seniors and people working without health benefits.

The federal government now says they want to explore dental care for all Canadians (December 2019 Throne Speech).

We need YOUR help to make sure the government delivers on the commitment.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Take two minutes now to email:

- Prime Minister Trudeau - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
- Health Minister Hajdu - patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca
- Your MP: Visit www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en and input your postal code to find your MP and click on their "contact" page.

Sample message you can modify:

Across Canada every year 6 million people aren't getting the dental care they need because they can't afford it. It's not fair that only people who can afford private dentists can have healthy teeth and gums. I am very pleased to see the 2019 Throne Speech and the Health Minister's Mandate Letter with the commitment for Parliament to explore dental care for all Canadians. I urge you to follow through and set up a Parliamentary Committee in 2020 so that Canadians from all walks of life can provide our views on this important healthcare issue. People are living in pain every day. Canada needs to move forward to ensure dental care for all.

- Include an example/story from your work/community of how it affects people when they can't afford dental care.

Meet with your MP: Email sane.dube@allianceON.org to get a lobby kit.