**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**LOST CANADIANS: FORMALLY RECOGNIZE WAR DEAD AS CANADIAN NATIONALS AND CITIZENS**

# We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

**THAT, WHEREAS** a Lost Canadian is someone whose Canadian nationality and citizenship are not recognized due to discriminatory provisions under the *Citizenship Act* of 1947;

**WHEREAS** 114,000 WWI and WWII war dead were recognized as Canadian nationals and citizens before entering war, then stripped of their citizenship if they died before the *Canadian Citizenship Act* in 1947 while serving Canada overseas;

**WHEREAS** millions of people fall under the category of “Lost Canadians” or “registered aliens” if citizenship did not begin until 1947,

**WHEREAS** Bill C-24, *Strengthening Canadian Citizenship Act*, did not sufficiently address the issue of war dead lost Canadians and many are still awaiting recognition,

**THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS** call upon the Government of Canada to recognize our war dead who died before 1947 as Canadian citizens who bravely fought for their country.

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**Guidelines**

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
7. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it.
8. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy.

Please return all original signed petitions, postage free, to:

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