Federal Accessibility Legislation

Write to your MP as soon as possible

The Government of Canada is preparing to develop the first national accessibility law on accessibility and inclusion for Canadians who have disabilities. This law is needed because Canadians with disabilities face ongoing, persistent and daily barriers to goods, services and opportunities in their lives.

The government asked for information about communication disabilities. Communication disabilities should be included in this new law.

The organization <u>Communication Disabilities Access Canada</u> was one of eight non-profit, disability organizations that was selected to help the federal government write this legislation. They worked together with people who have communication disabilities, family members, and speechlanguage pathologists. You can read their <u>report to the government</u>.

Every law starts out as a bill. We don't know the exact time that the bill will be presented (or tabled) in Parliament. It may be anytime between mid-March and June 2018.

It's important to tell your Member of Parliament (MP) to support this important bill when it is tabled. You can do this by sending the attached message to your MP or by writing your own message.

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