

Petition to the House of Commons

Whereas:

1. The Canada Labour Code entitles an employee to a leave of no more than thirty-five weeks in the case of multiple births or multiple adoptions.
2. Service Canada currently interprets The Employment Insurance Act to mean that it grants a maximum of thirty-five weeks during which parental benefits can be paid in the case of multiple births or multiple adoptions.
3. Multiple birth pregnancies have increased by 50% since 1991, accounting for more than 3% of all births in Canada.
4. Having paid EI premiums equivalent to single birth parents, multiple births parents should be entitled to the same parental leave as single birth parents having two babies.

We the undersigned, call upon the Government of Canada to enact the necessary amendments to the Canada Labour Code to increase the leave entitled to an employee to no more than seventy-two weeks in the case of multiple births or multiple adoptions. Furthermore, to amend the Employment Insurance Act to increase the maximum number of weeks during which parental benefits can be paid to seventy weeks in the case of multiple births or multiple adoptions.

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