**Federal Election 2025 – MCS Candidate Brief**

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a chronic, disabling condition where individuals experience severe, multi-system symptoms in response to low-level chemical exposures, including fragrances, cleaning products, air fresheners, and other common substances.

• 1.1 million Canadians have a diagnosis of MCS (Statistics Canada, 2020)
• 72% are women, and nearly half are over the age of 55
• MCS is recognized as a disability under the Canadian Human Rights Act

Barriers:
- Lack of fragrance-free policies in public services and housing
- Inaccessible healthcare, workplaces, and public spaces
- High unemployment despite education levels equal to the general population

What We’re Asking For:
✓ Fragrance-free policies in federal buildings and services
✓ Support for medical recognition and ICD coding for MCS
✓ Investment in accessible housing and public infrastructure
✓ Public education and awareness campaigns
✓ Inclusion of MCS in disability policy, research, and emergency planning

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