



## **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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