

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

APPENDIX A — FORM OF PETITION

(For Private Bill or Other Purposes)

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia,
in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, Residents, of the province of British Columbia, states that: The people of British Columbia are calling for immediate action to repeal Bill 21 – The Legal Professions Act.

The government and the legal system must remain distinct entities, each operating independently. It is an egregious breach of integrity for the government to have the power to influence the legal outcomes of future disputes between businesses, residents, and the state.

With Bill 21, the cards are heavily stacked in the government's favor. Should a conflict arise, the government will undoubtedly hold the upper hand, ensuring they are the ultimate beneficiaries.

This bill was forced through with minimal scrutiny, as debates were shut down during the third reading after only 20 sections of the 200-section bill were read. The NDP government invoked closure to silence further discussion.

It is the solemn duty of our MLAs to fully understand every section of legislation before they vote to pass it. Yet, there is no evidence to suggest that those who voted in favor of Bill 21 comprehend the profound and lasting impact it will have on the people of British Columbia.

This is a direct affront to our democratic process. An agenda has been pushed forward that dangerously places our legal system under the control of the government.

As residents of British Columbia, we stand united and hereby sign this petition to repeal Bill 21 – The Legal Professions Act.

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House repeal Bill 21 – Legal Professions Act.

Dated 8th day of February 2025.

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Signatories must be residents of British Columbia. There is no minimum age requirement for an individual to sign a petition. All signatures must be original and written directly on the face of the petition and not pasted or transferred to it. Petitions must be free of erasures or insertions. Each person petitioning the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia must print their name and address and sign their name under the text of the petition.

First and Last Name (PRINT)	Full Address	Signature