REGROUPEMENT DES CUISINES COLLECTIVES DU QUÉBEC

PETITION

Adoption of a Québec food policy and a framework law on the right to food

CONSIDERING food insecurity in Canada : 1 million children, over 115,000 households made up of seniors, 55% of social assistance recipients;
CONSIDERING THAT $5,200 was the annual budget deficit of a family of three on social assistance when it came to covering basic needs;
CONSIDERING THAT in 2016, 10.6% of Quebecers who relied on food banks were employed;
CONSIDERING THAT in 10 years the consumer price index for food rose by 26% compared to 14% for all goods and services;
CONSIDERING THAT 500 multinationals control 70% of the world's food business;
CONSIDERING THAT in Canada, 50% of food energy intake is derived from ultra-processed foods;
CONSIDERING THAT 62.1% of Canadians are overweight or obese, an epidemic costing $4.6 billion to $7 billion annually in health care costs;
CONSIDERING THAT food is as essential as the water we drink and air we breathe;

We, the undersigned, ask to the Québec government to be a leader on this question through:

- the adoption of a Québec food policy associating all ministries and a framework law on the right to food;
- the setting of the price of a basic food basket;
- access to local public markets, municipal gardens and municipal kitchen facilities and access to food gathering, hunting and fishing areas;
- increased funding for community-based food organizations;
- healthy food in public facilities;
- higher taxes on sweetened beverages and ultra-processed foods;
- the reintroduction of cooking classes into educational programs.

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