PETITION

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned:

We the undersigned citizens (or residents) of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

That

Incidents of the deadly H5N1 avian influenza virus in Asian, Indonesian and Malaysian countries continue to increase;
This virus could be brought into Canada by an otherwise healthy bird who had previously been exposed to the virus and become a carrier;
The cost to the taxpayer and the commercial poultry industry would be overwhelming, as experienced in British Columbia in Spring 2004;
At present there are no medications stockpiled and the cost to the medical system and in human life could paralyze a nation;
There are hundreds of thousands of pet birds in Canada. Many of these are critically endangered in the wild. All of them would be at risk of slaughter in a pandemic;
Canada has been a participant in CITES for 30 years. Considering that only 20% of wild-caught birds survive for market, and that Canada continues to allow importation of these birds, it would seem that this membership is merely empty words; and
The United States of America enacted a law banning the importation of wild birds in 1992. This is known as The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992.

Therefore, your petitioners call upon Parliament to enact legislation to ban the importation of all wild caught birds into Canada.

	Signatures (sign your own name. Do not print)		**Addresses** (Give your full home address or your city and province)