

Thank you for your interest in supporting S-201, the Genetic Non-Discrimination Act, currently under consideration by the Parliament of Canada. The information and links below may be of help in writing a letter of support to your Member of Parliament (M.P.).

### Official Bill Summary

This enactment prohibits any person from requiring an individual to undergo a genetic test or disclose the results of a genetic test as a condition of providing goods or services to, entering into or continuing a contract or agreement with, or offering specific conditions in a contract or agreement with, the individual. Exceptions are provided for health care practitioners and researchers. The enactment provides individuals with other protections related to genetic testing and test results.

The enactment amends the *Canada Labour Code* to protect employees from being required to undergo or to disclose the results of a genetic test, and provides employees with other protections related to genetic testing and test results. It also amends the *Canadian Human Rights Act* to prohibit discrimination on the ground of genetic characteristics.

Additional information available on the Parliament of Canada's website:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&Bill=S201&Parl=42&Ses=1>

### American Society of Human Genetics Statement of Support

ASHG issued a statement of support for S. 201 on May 18, 2016, available online:

[http://www.ashg.org/pdf/policy/ASHG\\_PS\\_May2016.pdf](http://www.ashg.org/pdf/policy/ASHG_PS_May2016.pdf).

### Canadian Coalition for Genetic Fairness Resources

ASHG has been working with the Canadian Coalition for Genetic Fairness to bring legislators' attention to S-201 and support its passage. For more information on CCGF, visit their website: <http://ccgf-cccg.ca/en/home/>, including additional resources to get involved: <http://ccgf-cccg.ca/en/take-action/>.

### Guidance on Contacting MPs

If mailing a letter, send it to the M.P.'s Hill Office in Ottawa. Mailing and email address information for all Members of Parliament are available here:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/Parliamentarians/en/members?page=1>.