

PETITION

To the Honourable President and members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the undersigned draws to the attention of the Senate:

Since 2000, there have been 119 international warnings against psychiatric drugs, 94 of them by government agencies, including the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), The Irish Medicines Board (IMB), New Zealand's Medicines Adverse Reactions Committee (Medsafe); British Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), European Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP), Health Canada, and the German Drug Regulatory Authority (BfArM).

Serious and even life-threatening drug side effects have been withheld from consumers and a recent Australian survey revealed that 73% of consumers are unaware that they can report drug adverse reactions to the Therapeutic Goods Administration, which could have prevented deaths. Psychiatrists have also not been vigilant in reporting adverse drug reactions to the Therapeutic Goods Administration and/or manufacturers.

Psychiatric drug side effects can include anxiety, agitation, blood disorders, hallucinations, hostility, psychotic depression, fatal heart muscle inflammation, strokes, heart attack, psychosis, severe liver damage, diabetes, seizures, suicide, violence and death.

Your petitioners request that the Senate:

Urge the Department of Health and Ageing to direct the Therapeutic Goods Administration to require drug manufacturers to add a prominent boxed advice at the beginning of all drug product information and displayed on medication containers telling consumers: **“You are encouraged to report adverse drug reactions to the Therapeutic goods Administration** and provide contact information to do so. (The U.S. Congress has already passed a law requiring this.)

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