



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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A group of concerned Deaf and hard of hearing citizens and allies in their communities have come together to present a single voice through DEAF CITIZENS, an online petition website.

Members of the Deaf Community in Greater Toronto Area, across Ontario and in Canada are concerned with recent decisions by Canadian Hearing Services (the new name for "the Canadian Hearing Society" or CHS).

These decisions have implications for Deaf people across Canada.

The language of the online petition is available on DeafCitizens.ca website in both text and video format, both English (ASL) and French (LSQ) with open captions.

The purpose of this online petition is to make CHS senior management and the Board of Directors aware that we, the petitioners - members and friends within the Deaf Community - request the CHS Board of Directors take immediate steps to engage in community dialogue and implement constructive actions to restore confidence, and return CHS to its original role in representing and speaking on behalf of Deaf Canadians, and providing services to improve Deaf people's lives.

Deaf Citizens Website: [www.DeafCitizens.ca](http://www.DeafCitizens.ca)

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