

Thanks for your support for the National Farmers Union campaign to stop the imposition of farm saved seed royalties! Here's some information to assist you in gathering petition signatures.



MPs are legally required to pay attention to properly written paper petitions signed by voters, and are expected to present petitions in the House of Commons on behalf of constituents -- even if they do not personally support the petition. Paper-based petitions are particularly effective when the MPs know that voters are taking the time and effort to bring signed petitions forward.

Petitions must have at least 25 signatures of Canadian residents. Addresses may be in the form of complete home addresses or the petitioners' town and province or their postal code.

Whenever you have petitions with 25 or more signatures send the original completed petitions to your MP for presentation in Parliament. No postage is required when you send mail to an MP at **House of Commons, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6**. You can also deliver the petitions to a local MP in person at their constituency offices.

To enable us to track our success and follow up with the MPs that receive petitions, please also send a copy of your completed petitions (photocopy, scan or fax) to the NFU National Office along with the number of signatures and name of the MP you submitted them to. Our email is [nfu@nfu.ca](mailto:nfu@nfu.ca); fax is (306) 664-6226; mailing address is 2717 Wentz Ave., Saskatoon SK, S7K 4B6.

If MPs from across Canada present the same petition in Parliament, it will show that this issue is a serious concern for voters across the country. Making our concerns visible this way will bring the seed royalty issue to our elected representatives' attention and make it clear that it is not just a "housekeeping" matter that the bureaucracy should look after. The use of a paper petition also means that MPs who do not support the petition will be asked to support their own constituents by presenting the petition in Parliament.

It should not take you long to get 25 signatures, and you will have the chance to talk to each of them about why increasing corporate control over seed is so dangerous to our food sovereignty. The 25 signatures can come from people in any constituency – they do not have to be from your own or the MP's constituency.

Encourage petition signers to also check our Save Our Seed web page at <https://www.nfu.ca/campaigns/save-our-seed/> from time to time, as we will have other action ideas posted there as our campaign continues.

If you would like to get updates from us in your in-box you can subscribe to the NFU's SOS Action Group email list at <http://eepurl.com/dt7s0n>