

On October 6, 2008, NASK members Mindi Ferkul and Cindy Paskey spent an hour meeting with St. Catharines incumbent MP Rick Dykstra.

We were excited to learn that Rick Dykstra, if re-elected, is committed to introducing the following nonpartisan Motion as soon as possible after the House of Commons resumes. Rick Dykstra introduced this Motion for the first time on March 19, 2007.

M-293 — March 19, 2007 — [Mr. Dykstra \(St. Catharines\)](#) — That, in the opinion of the House, anaphylaxis is a serious concern for an increasing number of Canadians and the government should take the appropriate measures necessary to ensure these Canadians are able to maintain a high quality of life.

Acceptance of this Motion in the House of Commons is intended to set the stage for federal legislation.

When this happens, we have committed to supporting Rick through the policy process.

You can help. Start now! Talk to your Riding Candidates, including your MP once elected.

Let him/her know:

- Life threatening allergies are becoming increasingly common in our society.
- It is time to 'responsibly respond' to reduce the risk of unnecessary and preventable anaphylactic attacks.
- Achieving greater public awareness is the first step towards creating environments that are more responsive to the health and safety of all Canadians at risk of an allergic reaction that has the potential to be deadly.
- More than 50% of Canadians know someone who is at risk of a severe allergic reaction.
- People with food allergies represent a growing segment of the consumer market. Being competitive requires solution-focused response.

Stay tuned for updates. They will be posted on the NASK web site as they occur.

Thank you to NASK member Chris George www.cgacommunications.com for initiating dialogue at the Federal level with Rick Dykstra.

Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.

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