

Open Letter to the Government

John Albion is a senior citizen in good standing in Victoria, B.C. He prefers to avoid undue troubles, and tries to get along rather than go against the grain I, David Gauthier, am his son.

John wrote his MP, giving her permission since early November, 2025, to look into means of resolving two troubles. As of January 15, neither have been resolved, though the MP's office has apologized for the delay on the one issue they believe is best in their purview.

It was asked of MP Stephanie McLean, Secretary of State for Seniors, to see if she could have Services Canada set a reprieve, for a time, on some tax deduction matters, and to look into why his driver's licence was taken by the government.

Some might consider the latter a provincial issue, but the federal government funds much of these administrative matters through the Canada Health Act.

We are hoping to speak with her in person at her constituency office to address the federal act, and to see if more could be done to curtail potential abuse of seniors and doctors alike.

Why these troubles have come up is the more serious concern that needs to be properly addressed by all parties.

John's business has fallen behind in filing taxes, especially after John's wife, my mother, Cecilia Gauthier, passed to cancer in 2020.

She not only raised me and cared for my siblings she considered family, she helped run John's TV and radio repair shop.

I now help with the shop's accounting. The shop caught up in 2022, but in late 2023 a deal with a business in Victoria needed resolving.

We tried to work with the local business, along with an MLA, but no one acted to resolve the troubles reasonably & legal matters developed.

Ended up in a memorandum sitting before the Supreme Court of Canada late 2025 as of right with many matters of public importance.

That legal matter before SCC includes other federal and provincial departments too.

We believe McLean's office could look into both matters, given the serious nature of the context above and her title, Secretary of State for Seniors.

The family wants the government to apologize to John, and give his driver's licence back, with a hard look at the Canada Health Act being appreciated.