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All Canadians Deserve the Health Care They Need Not Just What They Can Afford

Why Canadians Should Oppose Dr. Brian Day

- Day is not here just to debate his case. He is using the opportunity to fundraise for his court challenge of the Canadian Medicare system.
- Day's challenge is funded by the Canadian Constitution Foundation, supported by the Fraser Institute and the U.S.A. Koch brothers.
- His case follows an audit of his Cambie Surgery Centre caused by a court case initiated by the B.C. Nurses Federation, following complaints of its overcharging his patients.
- That audit showed that the Centre charged \$7,215 for a procedure that would cost B.C. Health \$1,288.04. (*Trail Daily News*, August 29, 2014)
- ***Day says “We in Canada will give the same level of services to a wealthy person as to a person who is not wealthy, and that doesn't make sense.” (National Post article September 1, 2016)***
- He claims that his case is to allow people to avoid lengthy wait times for needed medical services. The wait times are caused by decades of underfunding by federal and provincial governments for health care services.
- The B.C. Liberal government of Gordon Campbell allowed the creation of private medical clinics. Today there are 25. They charge clients for administrative services, contrary to the Canada Health Act.
- Then Federal Health Minister Ujjal Dossanjh fined British Columbia under the Canada Health Act but the private health clinics still exist.

Canadians should pressure Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott and Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould to use all necessary resources to defend quality publicly-funded Medicare and penalize B.C. and other provinces for allowing private clinics to perform and charge for Medicare-covered health services.

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