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## Letter of Support – Celiac Canada's e-Petition on Food Affordability and Tax Fairness

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG), I am writing to express our support for the Celiac Canada's e-Petition on Food Affordability, Tax Fairness, and Celiac Disease.

For Canadians living with celiac disease, adherence to a strict gluten-free diet is not a choice — it is an essential medical requirement. Unfortunately, the high cost of gluten-free foods continues to impose a significant financial burden on individuals and families managing this chronic condition. These added expenses contribute to inequities in access to safe nutrition and can negatively affect long-term health outcomes.

CAG supports the Celiac Canada's call for greater tax fairness and affordability through improved access to the Medical Expense Tax Credit for gluten-free food products. Simplifying and expanding this credit would be a meaningful step toward recognizing the medical necessity of a gluten-free diet and supporting the well-being of Canadians living with celiac disease.

As a national organization representing clinicians, researchers, and educators dedicated to advancing digestive health in Canada, CAG stands with Celiac Canada in advocating for evidence-informed policy changes that improve patient care and quality of life.

We encourage our members, partners, and the public to [learn more and sign the petition](#) in support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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