



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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RESOLUTION 6

Therapeutics Initiative

Whereas acclaimed researchers at the University of British Columbia have provided evidence-based analysis of prescription drugs to physicians, pharmacists and Pharmacare since 1994 under a watchdog called Therapeutics Initiative; and

Whereas this drug watchdog has warned of the potential dangers of several drugs thereby saving the lives of many British Columbians; and

Whereas a nine-member Pharmaceutical Task Force, top-heavy with pharmaceutical industry representatives, produced a report calling for the abolition of this group in 2008; and

Whereas the Provincial Liberal government has steadily cut funding since then, announcing this year that it would cut the final \$1 million and thereby effectively end the Therapeutics Initiative;

Now therefore be it resolved that the BC Federation of Retired Union Members demand that the Provincial Government restore full funding to the Therapeutics Initiative.