



**New Zealand House of Representatives**  
Te Whare Māngai o Aotearoa

## **Petitions Committee**

Komiti Whiriwhiri Take Petihana

54th Parliament  
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## **Petition of Theresa Zame: Amend the Therapeutic Products Bill to allow importation of medication**

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The Petitions Committee has considered the petition of Theresa Zame, which was presented to the House on 7 June 2023 by Hon Matt Doocey. The petition was signed by 5,799 people, and requests:

That the House of Representatives amend the Therapeutic Products Bill to enable patients to import prescription meds, reflect how clinical trials operate through SCOTT Committee, change the definition of “advertisement” so it does not risk criminalising patients, advocates & media, and incorporate s 29 of the Medicines Act 1981.

The Petitions Committee of the 53rd Parliament began considering the petition. It invited a written submission from the petitioner. We resumed consideration in the 54th Parliament.

A written submission was received from the petitioner; however, committee staff asked that sensitive personal information be removed, as submissions are published on the Parliament website. Despite several reminders, no further correspondence has been received from the petitioner.

We note that the Therapeutic Products Act 2023 was passed by the 53rd Parliament in July 2023. The Act was then repealed by the Therapeutic Products Act Repeal Act 2024, which was passed by the 54th Parliament in December 2024. We do not see that there would be any benefit in considering the petitioner’s proposed amendment at this stage.

We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

Presented to the House of Representatives  
by Greg O’Connor, Chairperson