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**Bill C-284 – AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR AN EYECARE RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT**

**Ottawa, ON** – Today the Hon. Judy A. Sgro, Member of Parliament for Humber River – Black Creek, is pleased to announce Bill C-284, *An Act to establish a national strategy for eye care*, has received Royal Assent.

Bill C-284 aims at improving the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of eye diseases for all Canadians. This strategic initiative will be developed in consultation with provincial and territorial health representatives, Indigenous groups, and other key stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support for eye health across the country.

Eye diseases affect millions of Canadians, impacting their quality of life and overall health outcomes. The National Strategy for Eye Care will address various forms of eye diseases, including macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

The National Strategy for Eye Care will also take into consideration existing frameworks, strategies, and best practices in eye health, particularly those focused on reducing health inequalities. By integrating these considerations, the strategy aims to provide equitable access to eye care services across Canada.

Quotes

“After many years, Canada will have a national strategy that will focus on preventing blindness, improving eyesight and providing accessible eye care for all Canadians.” – **Hon. Judy Sgro MP for Humber River – Black Creek**

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