

Petition to counter rising food prices

WHEREAS the right to healthy and sufficient food is a fundamental right;

WHEREAS the cost of food is a determining factor in taking advantage of this right;

WHEREAS even employees now face food insecurity and must resort to food assistance;

WHEREAS the food market is dominated by a few large companies who often set excessive prices to make more profits;

WHEREAS local farmers and small producers suffer rather than contribute to the excessive prices of these large companies;

WHEREAS governments have the essential duty to ensure that all citizens have access to good, affordable food;

WHEREAS European countries have decreed in 2022 a special tax of 35% on the excess profits of large energy companies operating on their soil;

WHEREAS legislation to counter the rise in food prices is essential;

WHEREAS the effect of this law on large food companies should directly benefit consumers through a reduction in food prices;

We, the signatories, ask the government of Quebec to decree an annual tax of 35% on the excess profits of large food companies until inflation falls to 2%. These excess profits be calculated on the surplus of the average of their profits over the last five years before the pandemic.

We also ask that the money from these taxes be returned annually to citizen consumers through a progressive amount calculated according to their income.

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