

Blood Watch

For Immediate Release/Media Advisory: Canada

Tuesday, May 30th 2017

Media Contact: Borjana Dedoevic
647.802.2443 / borjanav@yahoo.com
<http://bloodwatch.org/>

BloodWatch To Protest Private Paid-Plasma Clinic In Moncton, Call For An Immediate Ban Of Blood Money

BloodWatch cofounder and tainted blood survivor, Michael McCarthy, will participate in a public protest in front of the private paid-plasma clinic in Moncton today at 12noon.

Health Minister Victor Boudreau has directly ignored the request by the national blood authority, Canadian Blood Services (CBS), to safeguard the Canadian blood supply by allowing a private paid-plasma business to operate in Moncton. CBS went public in December of 2016 stating that the private paid-plasma facility in Saskatchewan was already harming Canada's voluntary system within nine months of opening and warned provincial Health Minister's of a direct threat to our security of supply.

Ontario and Alberta have recently implemented provincial legislation banning the practice of blood for profit in order to protect the national blood system. Quebec has had a ban in place since 1994.

"Minister Boudreau must adhere to Canadian Blood Services direct requests for the provinces to end support for private paid-plasma in Canada in order to safeguard the integrity of the blood system. This is a very serious matter at hand and ignoring the national blood authorities warnings is simply unacceptable"

- Michael McCarthy – Cofounder of BloodWatch.org

Mr. McCarthy will be available for comment in Moncton at 12Noon in front of the Canadian Plasma Resource clinic located at 370 Elmwood Avenue.

All Media Requests:

Media Contact: Borjana Dedoevic
647.802.2443 / borjanav@yahoo.com
<http://bloodwatch.org/>

References:

<http://www.europeanbloodalliance.eu/>

http://www.who.int/bloodsafety/transfusion_services/blood_systems/en/

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/activit/krever-eng.php>

<http://start.emailopen.com/public1/ViewLP.aspx?id1=411253&id2=1063&id3=Rf63DiTj7s5GYc8&s5=>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/health/plasma-canadian-blood-services-1.3906721>