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The Honourable Chantal Petitclerc, Senator
Chair
Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Senate Hearing on Bill C-97

Dear Senator Petitclerc,

Thank you for inviting our comments on the proposed Bill C-97 currently before the Committee. Medtech Canada (formerly MEDEC) is the national association representing the Medical Device Technology Industry in Canada.

Medtech Canada and members have participated in a number of stakeholder sessions and fully supports the proposed changes to the Food and Drugs Act which are seen as enabling further regulation in the areas of supporting innovation, expansion of clinical research in Canada, and ‘Vanessa’s Law’.

The addition of an Advanced Therapeutic Product is seen as a positive step towards having more agile regulations that are more responsive to innovations in technology. Similarly, adding the concept of a ‘thing’ and ‘class of things’ is a way for Health Canada to adapt to the blurring between categories of therapeutic product as new technologies are developed.

We welcome the inclusion of medical device investigations under clinical trials. This is seen as simplifying the process for Health Canada and industry and paving the way for expansion of research by Health Care Practitioners.
Throughout the proposed legislation, the concept of risk-based decision making is consistently addressed.

As mentioned previously, the revised Food and Drugs Act will enable further regulation through the Medical Device Regulations, and we look forward to providing input on the more detailed legislation to come.

Thank you again for inviting our participation as you deliberate the proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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About Medtech Canada

Medtech Canada is the national association representing the medical technology industry in Canada. Our association advocates for achieving patient access to leading edge, innovative technology solutions that provide valuable outcomes. Our members are committed to providing safe and innovative medical technologies that enhance the quality of patient care, improve patient access to health care, and help enable the sustainability of our health care system. The medical technology industry in Canada employs over 35,000 Canadians in approximately 1,500 facilities across the country. [www.medtechcanada.org](http://www.medtechcanada.org)