

## **PETITIONS TO SIGN**

As of **January 6, 2026**, no repeal has been enacted, but the pressure remains high, multiple petitions and advocacy campaigns continue to call for the repeal of British Columbia's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), citing concerns over legal uncertainty, property rights, and the perceived overreach of UNDRIP into provincial legislation. These efforts follow a pivotal December 5, 2025, B.C. Court of Appeal ruling in *Gitxaala Nation v. British Columbia (Chief Gold Commissioner)*, which affirmed that DRIPA imposes legally enforceable obligations on the province and allows courts to assess provincial laws against UNDRIP standards. This decision has intensified calls from political, business, and community groups for immediate legislative action, including the repeal of DRIPA and Section 8.1 of the Interpretation Act, which mandates that all legislation be construed as consistent with UNDRIP.

### **Legal and Constitutional Debate:**

A 2024 court challenge by the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association (PHARA) questioned DRIPA's constitutionality, arguing it binds future governments and undermines democratic accountability.

Legal experts and business groups continue to debate whether UNDRIP was intended as binding domestic law, with critics asserting that its implementation through DRIPA creates unintended legal and economic consequences.

- **Repeal Campaigns and Petitions:**

- The **BC Conservative party** campaign, led by Trevor Halford of British Columbia, The Conservative Official Opposition states "we must recall the Legislature, **repeal DRIPA**, and restore confidence in British Columbia's future."  
<https://conservativebc.ca/petitions/repeal-dripa/>
- The **DROP DRIPA** campaign, led by residents of British Columbia, demands the repeal of DRIPA, arguing it enables non-elected Indigenous bands to exert veto power over government decisions and threatens private property rights.  
<https://dropdripa.ca/>
- **OneBC** has launched a petition supporting the *Property Rights Protection Act*, which seeks to repeal DRIPA in its entirety and declare UNDRIP without legal force in British Columbia.  
<https://dropdripa.ca/>
- **Rebel News** hosts a petition urging B.C. and federal officials to repeal laws enabling land seizures under UNDRIP and DRIPA, framing the issue as a defense of fee-simple property rights.  
[https://www.rebelnews.com/end\\_land\\_grabs\\_petition](https://www.rebelnews.com/end_land_grabs_petition)