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Ottawa – After months of pushing the Harper government to invest in multiple sclerosis patients, Liberals have finally been victorious in bringing the debate into the House of Commons.

Liberal Public Health Critic Dr. Kirsty Duncan had her request for a four-hour debate in the House accepted by the government recently.

“This is a real victory for MS patients,” said Dr. Duncan. “It’s the first time we are bringing this debate right into the House of Commons, and that is a huge step forward.”

The debate, taking place Monday, comes after months of lobbying by Liberal MPs and MS patients to get the Harper government to invest in MS research, diagnosis and treatment, and to immediately convene a meeting of provincial and territorial health ministers to discuss a national approach to funding MS and other diseases of the brain.

“This debate will help Canadians better understand the leadership required by the federal government to fund the clinical research necessary to determine the best possible care for thousands of MS patients in Canada, including a procedure known as ‘liberation,’ which may

alleviate MS,” said Liberal Health Critic Dr. Carolyn Bennett.

"I am so proud of the hard work that my colleague Dr. Duncan has done to bring this issue into the House of Commons on the eve of important testimony from Dr. Zamboni, the originator of Liberation procedure, who will appear at the Health subcommittee on June 15th," concluded Dr. Bennett.

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