April 12, 2021

[MP or MPP’s address]

Dear [Member of Parliament],

**RE: Request for the funding of a national strategy for hospice palliative care**

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) is the national leader in the pursuit of quality hospice palliative care in Canada through public policy, education, knowledge translation, awareness, and collaboration. As this week marks National Hospice Palliative Care Week (NHPCW), I am writing to you in hopes of collaborating on a National Strategy for hospice palliative care in Canada.

NHPCW is a time to celebrate and share achievements of hospice palliative care throughout the nation, but it also provides a platform to look at shortcomings and create bridges for these gaps. This year, CHPCA will be taking a moment to memorialize those who have passed, as well as appreciate those who have made this hard year a little brighter by shining a light on those who matter to us most. In addition, CHPCA is bringing hospice palliative care issues to light with the help of their 2019–2022 Strategic Plan.

To reach the goal of all Canadians having access to quality hospice palliative care, CHPCA has created a Strategic Plan that focuses on access, advocacy, funding, and awareness. These being the main issues surrounding hospice palliative care in Canada, CHPCA and [provincial association] are working hard to increase capacity to achieve their goals and meet the needs of the association’s members and the public, however, they cannot do this alone. We kindly ask you to:

* Familiarize yourself with the CHPCA Strategic Plan
* Consider funding a National Strategy for hospice palliative care in Canada
* Invite CHPCA when discussing policy surrounding hospice palliative care

With your collaboration and advocacy, we will be able to increase alignment of systems, approaches, and operations between CHPCA and provincial associations. This will increase capacity and effectiveness of the provincial associations and CHPCA, and ultimately promote access to hospice palliative care for all Canadians.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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