PETITION TO THE House of Commons in Parliament assembled

WHEREAS hospice palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual; and

WHEREAS hospice palliative care provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms, affirms life, regards dying as a normal process, and intends neither to hasten nor postpone death; and

WHEREAS hospice palliative care is not specifically mentioned in the Canada Health Act; and

WHEREAS hospice palliative care is not accessible and available to all Canadians;

WE, the undersigned, residents of Canada, request the House of Commons in Parliament assembled:

TO specifically identify hospice palliative care as a defined medical service covered under the Canada Health Act so that provincial and territorial governments will be entitled to funds under the Canada Health Transfer system to be used to provide accessible and available hospice palliative care for all residents of Canada in their respective provinces and territories.

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