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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care,

April 1st was the first hour of debate on my Private Members Motion M-456 calling on the federal government to establish a *Pan-Canadian palliative and end-of-life care strategy* in conjunction with provinces and territories on a flexible and integrated model of palliative care. Given your previous support for a National Strategy on Palliative Care I am asking – will you support my motion?

In the 2011 Report that you are a member of, the committee recommended as its first recommendation: “We strongly urge that the federal governmentfor the sake of: “developing and implementing a National Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy” and that ... a National Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy are the most important aspects of bringing quality end-of-life care to all-Canadians.”

I fully agree with the recommendations you put forward in this excellent report. This is why I have brought forward my motion so that we can get Parliament to act on the work of this committee. Since the motion has come forward, there has been a growing awareness and discussion in general society about the need for Parliament to show leadership on this issue.

This is why I am writing you. The second hour of debate is currently slotted for May 9th with a vote on the following week. Given your commitment in 2011 for a National Palliative Care strategy will you continue to stand up on this issue and vote in favour of Motion M-456?

I would be happy to set up a time to further discuss this motion either by phone or in person. Thank you for your ongoing work to support and improve the health of Canadians.

Yours Sincerely,

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