



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-00903**

BY: **Ms. GLADU (SARNIA-LAMBTON)**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 18, 2016**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **HONOURABLE JANE PHILPOTT**

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Response by the Minister of Health

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Health care services**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

The Government of Canada understands that the majority of Canadians want to stay independent and receive care in their homes, including at the end of their lives.

Improving palliative care is a priority for the Government. There have been and continue to be targeted federal investments to improve palliative care in key areas outlined in Bill C-277, including education and training for health care providers, identifying national best practices, building research capacity, and providing supports for caregivers. The Government has indicated its support for the creation of a framework on palliative care which builds on this work, leveraging existing palliative care frameworks, strategies, and best practices being undertaken by provinces, territories and stakeholder groups.

In addition, the Government is also delivering on its commitment to work cooperatively with provincial and territorial governments to make new investments to improve the quality and availability of care for Canadians. Several provinces have accepted the federal proposal and have agreed to use the new targeted federal funding for home care and mental health. The Government of Canada remains open to working with willing jurisdictions to deliver on these important investments.

This ongoing collaboration with provinces and territories can make a real difference in the lives of Canadian families and adapt our health systems to better meet today's needs and those of the future.