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The Honourable Jane Philpott  
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House of Commons  
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Dear Minister Philpott,

I am writing to you in regard to the state of palliative care across the country.

In the previous parliament, the NDP moved motion M-456 for the establishment of a Pan-Canadian palliative and end of life-care strategy. This motion passed the House of Commons almost unanimously.

My riding of Cowichan-Malahat-Langford is not the only part of the country that is suffering from lack of options for those seeking end-of-life care. Every family has to deal with the loss of a loved one and these traumatic moments are made more difficult and more expensive when there is no access to quality palliative care.

We must ensure that all Canadians have access to high quality home-based and hospice palliative end-of-life-care; provide more support for family caregivers; improve the quality and consistency of home and hospice palliative care and finally, encourage Canadians to discuss and plan for end-of-life care.

I ask that you work to implement these aspects of the motion passed by Parliament so that we can help co-ordinate with provincial and territorial partners on establishing Pan-Canadian norms and objectives for supporting families and people facing death.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Don Davies, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Kingsway, NDP Critic for Health



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