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Dear Name of Member of Parliament

On November 20, 2018, Canadians from across our great country will mark the second annual National Bereavement Day in Canada.

Did you know that an estimated 279,936 Canadian will die in 2018? With a minimum of 5 other Canadians affected by each of those deaths, Canadians are dealing with grief every day, often with no idea where to turn to for support.

We have a simple message: **Grief and bereavement is a part of life,** and we are challenging Canadians to share their stories and to talk about grief and bereavement with their friends, families, and co-workers.

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, the provincial member associations, and many other organizations like \*\*name of your organization\*\* are calling on federal and provincial governments to become champions for Canadians who need grief and bereavement support. These include; caregivers of soon to be or recently deceased loved ones who suffered from life-limiting illnesses; parents who are grieving the loss of their child through miscarriage; Canadians who are grieving the suicide or sudden, violent death of a loved one, employees who are grieving the loss of a patient or co-worker, and those dealing with anticipatory grief, ambiguous grief, and chronic sorrow.

Proper federal and provincial funding for grief and bereavement support would help augment and directly impact in a positive and constructive way, the physical, mental, spiritual, and economic well-being of Canadians.

For example: allowing the Compassionate Care Benefit to be used by a caregiver two weeks past the death of a loved one, would help minimize their economic hardships, give them time to heal, and help them take care of some of the more practical business following a loved one’s death.

As a policy maker, we are asking you to join us in calling on all levels of government to help bring more awareness of grief and bereavement issues in Canada.

For more information on National Bereavement Day in Canada, visit <http://chpca.net/bereavementday>

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