

January 7, 2014

The Honourable Charlie Angus, MP
Timmins-James Bay
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Angus:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) would like to commend you for introducing Motion M-456, a *Pan-Canadian Palliative and End-of-life Care Strategy*.

The CFPC supports Motion M-456 and believes it is a necessary and cost-effective step towards improving end-of-life and palliative care of Canadians. In October 2010, the CFPC presented the family physician perspective on palliative care to the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care and advocated the position in your motion. With an ageing population it is crucial that the federal government provide leadership in palliative care and end-of-life services.

Should Motion M-456 pass, we understand that the goal will be to improve home and hospice palliative end-of-life care through a national strategy. This strategy will enhance quality of care and provide better support for caregivers.

The CFPC welcomes any proposal that seeks to ensure that Canadians have access to high quality home-based care and hospice palliative end-of-life care and would be of interest to our family physician members. We thank you for your leadership on Motion M-456.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-629-0900 ext.325 or e-mail: ejm@cfpc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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