



March 30, 2016

Mr. Charlie Angus, M.P.
Timmins – James Bay
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Mr. Angus,

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is pleased to support motion M-46, calling on the government to implement a Pan-Canadian Palliative and End-of-Life Care Strategy. The CFPC believes this is a necessary step towards improving end-of-life and palliative care of Canadians. The CFPC was pleased to support your previous work on motion M-456 and we look forward to continuing engagement on this file through our Palliative Care Program Committee.

With these issues at the forefront of our national conversation around Medical Aid in Dying (MAID), the call for a national strategy on palliative and end-of-life care is timely. The CFPC continues to advocate for improvement of and enhanced availability and accessibility to palliative care services.

With an ageing population it is crucial that the federal government provide leadership in palliative care and end-of-life services. A clear and fully supported national strategy will contribute meaningfully to the conversation around palliative and end-of-life care in the context of assisted dying, as well as in its own right as a valuable part of the Canadian health care system.

Yours Sincerely,

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