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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

On November 21, 2017, Canadians from coast, to coast, to coast, will mark the first annual National Bereavement Day in Canada.

Did you know that an estimated 260,000 Canadian will die in 2017? 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: **It's time to talk about grief and bereavement in Canada!**

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association, its provincial member associations and many other organizations like \_\_\_\_\_ 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; as well as Canadians who are grieving the suicide or sudden, violent death of a loved one.

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 steps that need to be taken 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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