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The Honourable Christine Elliott
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Dear Minister:

As organizations representing over 170,000 health professionals we would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you for your recent support of Dan's Law, Bill 73.

Bill 73 has passed first reading and seeks to amend the Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994. As you know, the original bill, Dan's Law, was a joint effort of MPP Gretzky and Dr. Darren Cargill, a Windsor-based palliative care physician. If Bill 73 passes, it will provide much needed support to patients and families waiting for end of life care. It would remove the three-month waiting period for OHIP funded palliative care and home care for Canadian residents who move to or return to Ontario. Additionally, it would ensure that patients, families, and caregivers no longer experience unacceptable hardship from lack of access to necessary care.

Again, thank you very much for your commitment to this important piece of legislation. Our ask is that all parties continue to work together to ensure Bill 73 passes as soon as possible to remove further barriers to end of life care.

Sincerely,





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