

The QELCCC is calling on all parties to make a commitment to the following three priorities in the 2021 federal election:

- 1. Fully commit to funding and implementing the Framework on Palliative Care in Canada.**
- 2. Embed palliative care in national long-term care standards.**
- 3. Ensure full implementation of Bill C-220, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (bereavement leave).**

A New Democrat government will work with the provinces and territories to expand and improve access to palliative care across the country. We strongly agree that every Canadian should have the right to quality palliative care, including grief and bereavement supports. That's why we've advocated for a pan-Canadian strategy on palliative care for many years.

We will work collaboratively with patients, caregivers, and provincial and territorial governments to develop national care standards for home care and long-term care, regulated by the same principles as the *Canada Health Act*. We agree that these standards must address the shocking lack of access to palliative care in long-term care facilities across the country.

New Democrats unanimously supported Bill C-220 in the last Parliament and we're committed to the immediate implementation of this legislation. We'll work with the provinces and territories to ensure Canadian workers have access to paid bereavement leave when they need it.