



January 31, 2025

The Honourable Elizabeth May
Green Party of Canada

Dear Ms. May,

Re: Request for a Letter of Support and Inclusion of Bill C-277 in Your Party's Platform

Congratulations! The Green Party of Canada has been a powerful advocate for progressive policies that reflect the values of compassion, sustainability, and equity. This includes recognizing the critical need for more support for individuals living with brain injuries. The Green Party's dedication to improving health outcomes for all Canadians has been evident through your consistent focus on health, well-being, and social justice.

Today, I am writing to request your continued support for Bill C-277, the National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act. This legislation provides a historic opportunity to improve prevention, treatment, and support for the millions of Canadians affected by brain injuries each year. Its significance has been emphasized by unanimous, all-party support in the House of Commons, as well as full endorsement from the Standing Committee on Health. This rare political unity demonstrates a collective understanding of the urgent need to address the profound personal, social, and economic impacts of brain injuries.

We are asking for your support in the following ways:

1. That the Green Party provides a letter of support for the National Strategy on Brain Injury Act, affirming your commitment to this critical piece of legislation.
2. That Bill C-277, or the National Strategy on Brain Injury Act, be included in your party's platform, ensuring its continued advancement as a priority for the next federal election and beyond.

A National Strategy on Brain Injuries is essential for:

- Preventing brain injuries through education and safety initiatives.
- Improving access to equitable care and rehabilitation services for survivors.
- Supporting families and caregivers who face the long-term impacts of brain injuries.
- Driving research and innovation to close knowledge gaps and improve recovery outcomes.

Aligning with Green Party Values

A National Strategy on Brain Injuries is closely aligned with the Green Party's core values, including equity, sustainability, and community-focused healthcare. The strategy addresses pressing challenges while promoting long-term social, environmental, and economic sustainability.



- **Social Equity:** Brain injuries impact individuals and families across all communities. A national strategy would ensure equitable access to care, regardless of geographic location or socio-economic status.
- **Sustainability:** By investing in prevention programs and early intervention, the strategy will reduce long-term healthcare costs, easing the burden on the system while promoting healthier communities.
- **Social Justice:** A strategy that prioritizes support for vulnerable populations, including families and caregivers, embodies the Green Party's commitment to human dignity and inclusivity.
- **Environmental Health:** Prevention efforts, such as promoting safe practices and education, contribute to healthier and safer environments for all Canadians.

Brain injuries impact Canadians of all ages and walks of life, often leaving survivors and their families facing profound emotional, physical, and financial challenges. By championing the National Strategy on Brain Injuries, your government has an opportunity to build on its legacy of leadership in healthcare and social equity, creating a healthier and more inclusive Canada for all.

On behalf of the CGB Centre for Traumatic Life Losses, Brain Injury Canada, Brain Injury Associations Canada-wide, and survivors of brain injury and their families who are part of a national movement advocating for the implementation of a National Strategy on Brain Injuries, thank you. The unanimous support already given to Bill C-277 affirms the values Canadians hold dear: compassion, equity, and action. Including this legislation in your platform would send a powerful message about your party's dedication to improving the lives of those living with brain injuries and their families.

We are available to provide additional information or discuss this further at your convenience. Thank you for considering this request, and we look forward to your party's response and ongoing support for this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

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