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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Liberal Party of Canada

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

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

Congratulations! The Liberal Party of Canada has twice unanimously recognized brain injury as the silent epidemic affecting millions of individuals and families who face profound challenges without adequate support. This recognition demonstrates your party's leadership and commitment to addressing this critical issue.

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.

To ensure continued progress on this critical issue, we respectfully request:

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

A National Strategy on Brain Injuries is essential to:

- Prevent brain injuries through targeted education and safety initiatives.
- Improve equitable access to care and rehabilitation services for survivors.
- Support families and caregivers navigating the long-term impacts of brain injuries.
- Support research and innovation to bridge knowledge gaps and enhance outcomes.

Complementing the Liberal Party Platform

A National Strategy on Brain Injuries aligns closely with key commitments in the Liberal Party of Canada's platform:



- **Health Care:** The Liberal Party’s commitment to expanding universal access to mental health services and building a safer, healthier Canada strongly resonates with the goals of Bill C-277. Brain injuries intersect with mental health, addictions, and access to equitable care—areas already prioritized within your platform.
- **Affordability and Support for Families:** By supporting survivors and caregivers, the strategy reflects your party’s focus on easing the financial and emotional burdens on Canadian families facing challenging circumstances.
- **Advancing Equity and Compassionate Leadership:** Many survivors of brain injuries belong to vulnerable populations, including individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty, or mental health challenges. Advocating for a National Strategy on Brain Injuries underscores the Liberal Party’s values of equity, fairness, and compassion.
- **Innovation and Research Excellence:** The Liberal Party’s focus on fostering innovation and advancing scientific research complements the goals of Bill C-277, ensuring Canada remains a leader in prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts related to brain injuries.

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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