

## **NDP Response: Quality End of Life Care Coalition**

### **1. Does your party support an integrated palliative approach to care in all settings of health care?**

New Democrats have a bold vision to expand health services to provide head to toe coverage. As part of this vision, New Democrats believe that people who seek help should receive dignified and compassionate care during all stage of illness and end of life care.

We support expanding an integrated palliative approach to care so that people may receive palliative support in the comfort of their home, in a hospice, or elsewhere.

### **2. Does your party support a more flexible Compassionate Care Benefit to support Canadians as they experience grief and bereavement?**

Family caregivers may feel overwhelmed as they carry an enormous amount of work on their shoulders. This is what happens when Liberal and Conservative governments fail to invest in the services that Canadians need.

We have historically given support for flexible Compassionate Care Benefit.

Further to this support, New Democrats will establish a National Seniors Strategy so that we have a stronger, cohesive approach to planning to care for our aging population. We will ensure that caregivers are supported as part of this strategy.

In order to help make life a little more affordable for caregivers, who are overwhelmingly women, we'll make the Canada Caregiver Tax Credit refundable. This will provide thousands of dollars to the most low-income caregivers, many of whom have given up work completely to care for a loved one.

### **3. Does your party support a funded National Framework on Palliative Care through a Palliative Care Implementation Collaborative?**

New Democrats believe that all Canadians should have access to the right health care support when they need it. This is central to our vision for head to toe health care coverage.

Canadians shouldn't have to worry about the quality of their end of life care. This is why we called for a national framework on palliative care in 2014.

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New Democrats believe that this framework should be a comprehensive strategy that supports Canadians to make the choice for the kind of care they would like to receive that is dignified and compassionate.

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