

## **SAMPLE LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER HARPER**

Office of the Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

The federal government needs a national strategy for dementia the health care of persons afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related diseases.

I call on the Minister of Health and the House of Commons to pass Bill C- 356 , An Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia, introduced by Claude Gravelle, MP for Nickel Belt.

The strategy includes requiring the Minister to : (a) initiate discussion within 30 days after the Act comes into force with provincial and territorial ministers to develop a comprehensive national plan to address all aspects of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ARD) (b)develop specific national objectives to improve the situation of persons with ARD and decrease its burden on Canadian society (c) provide an annual report based on an annual assessment of Canada's progress to meeting those objectives that includes recommendations as to which remedial actions should be given priority (d) establish a standing round table to receive advice from Canadians on the national strategy (e) encourage greater investment in ARD research and discovery and development of treatments that would prevent, halt or reverse ARD (f)make recommendations on ways to support and strengthen Canada's capacity to care for persons with dementia.

Thank you for considering my views.

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Or write to the Minister of Health, Rona Ambrose at

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