



PETITION

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias are progressive, degenerative diseases of the brain that cause thinking, memory and physical functioning to become seriously impaired;

Whereas there is no known cause or cure for this devastating illness; and

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias also take their toll on hundreds of thousands of families and care partners; and

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias affect more than 200,000 Ontarians today, with an annual total economic burden rising to \$15.7 billion by 2020; and

Whereas the cost related to the health care system is in the billions and only going to increase, at a time when our health care system is already facing enormous financial challenges; and

Whereas there is work underway to address the need, but no coordinated or comprehensive approach to tackling the issues; and

Whereas there is an urgent need to plan and raise awareness and understanding about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias for the sake of improving the quality of life of the people it touches;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To approve the development of a comprehensive Ontario Dementia Plan that would include the development of strategies in primary health care, in health promotion and prevention of illness, in community development, in building community capacity and care partner engagement, in caregiver support and investments in research.

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