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CC: KATE YOUNG, MEMBER - LONDON WEST
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RE: MY SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL INQUIRY RE MAID CHANGES

After extensive consultation with others concerned about changes to MAID, I prepared the attached brief entitled - "My Beacon Of Hope" for consideration by the Federal Inquiry respecting the need to change MAID.

I based my concerns and recommendations from my point of view as a person with dementia and direct involvement as an independent witness for more than sixty persons requesting MAID. Nothing is hypothetical nor conjecture: everything is real and based upon actual thinking, talking and action with people.

We need a revised MAID which respects the rights of all Canadians; is simpler to effect; re-establishes 'care' as the primary basis for the provision of health; and ensures that dignity and privacy are the basis of all decision making.

The original C-14(MAID) failed to follow the direction of the Supreme Court ruling(15 Feb 2015). The consequent referrals to court (at least three) for redress and clarification were no surprise. The Quebec ruling was first - the others suspended their cases pending this Federal Inquiry. Canadians should not have to go to court to correct poor legislation. This Inquiry can correct the faults.

I hope I will be considered as a direct participant in any subsequent panel(s) which may be established respecting changes to MAID.

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