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Dear Members of the Standing Committee on Health,

**Re: Support for Bill C-277 An Act to establish a national strategy on brain injuries**

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I am writing to express my strong support for Bill C-277, the National Strategy on Brain Injuries Act. As a **[survivor/family member of a survivor]** of a brain injury, I have personally experienced the profound impact that brain injuries can have on individuals and their families. I believe that this bill is essential for improving the prevention, treatment, and support services available to Canadians affected by brain injuries.

**[Insert your personal story here: This is where you can share your personal experience with brain injuries. Describe how the injury occurred, the challenges faced during recovery, the impact on daily life, and the support needed. Personal stories help illustrate the real-life implications and urgency of the issue.]**

Brain injuries can have devastating and long-lasting effects, often requiring extensive medical care, rehabilitation, and ongoing support. Despite the significant burden these injuries place on individuals and the health care system, there is currently no comprehensive national strategy in place to address these challenges. This bill is a crucial step towards filling that gap and ensuring that all Canadians have access to the care and resources they need.

I urge the members of the Health Committee to consider the following key points in support of this bill:

1. **Establishment of a National Strategy**: The creation of a national strategy will provide a unified framework for addressing brain injuries. This will help ensure consistency in the quality of care across the country and facilitate the sharing of best practices and resources.
2. **Collaboration and Coordination**: The bill emphasizes the importance of collaboration between federal, provincial, and territorial governments, as well as with health care providers, researchers, and advocacy groups. This collaborative approach is essential for addressing the complex and multifaceted nature of brain injuries.
3. **Education and Awareness**: Enhancing education and awareness about brain injuries among health care professionals, caregivers, and the general public is vital for early recognition, appropriate response, and better outcomes. This bill will help promote the necessary knowledge and understanding to reduce the incidence and severity of brain injuries.

In conclusion, passing Bill C-277 will mark a significant advancement in the support and care for individuals affected by brain injuries in Canada. I respectfully urge you to support this bill and help ensure its swift passage through the legislative process.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]
[Your Signature (if sending a hard copy)**

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