PETITION

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

THAT,

Suicide kills, on average, 10 Canadians each and every day – almost 4,000 preventable deaths each year,
Suicide is not just a mental health issue, but is also a public health issue,
Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among Canadian youth,
Actions to prevent suicide by communities, governments, organizations and individuals across Canada will be enhanced by coordination and information-sharing,
Canada is the only industrialized country without a federal strategy to minimize the incidence of suicide,
Parliament recently expressed its desire for the Federal Government to play a stronger role in the prevention of suicide through its vote on the September 29th 2011 Motion, and that
Two pieces of legislation, C297 and C300, are currently before Parliament that would each vastly improve the Federal response to the tragedy of suicide.

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