

Alzheimer Society of Canada applauds Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology's Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-Friendly Communities Français

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A clear path forward for dementia in Canada

TORONTO, Nov. 15, 2016 /CNW/ - The Alzheimer Society of Canada is thrilled to welcome the latest report from the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, titled *Dementia in Canada: A National Strategy for Dementia-Friendly Communities*. In particular, the Society applauds the Senate in its recommendation of establishing a Canadian Partnership to Address Dementia to create and implement a national dementia strategy.

"Today's report is fantastic news for Canadians living with dementia, their caregivers and families. The Senate report lays out a clear direction for tackling this disease and we're pleased that they have heeded many of the recommendations we've been advocating for," says Debbie Benczkowski, Chief Operating Officer at the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

The Society has been calling for a similar partnership to help guide the establishment of a national dementia strategy that would focus on prevention and research, as well as ensuring Canadians with dementia live as well as possible.

"Given the growing prevalence of dementia, we ask that the Government acts swiftly on today's recommendations. It's imperative that Canadians with dementia receive better care and treatment, and are supported in their communities without fear and stigma," says Benczkowski.

The Alzheimer Society and its provincial Alzheimer Society partners will continue to work with the Senate and the Government of Canada to make a national dementia strategy a reality.

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