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**Attention: Phil Upshall, National Executive Director**

**Re: Conservative party response to the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health**

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Conservative party's position on support for a National Strategy on Mental Illness and Mental Health, and also for the establishment of a Mental Health Commission of Canada. A Conservative government will develop a new national disease strategy for mental illness in cooperation with the provinces and would respect the advice and hard work already completed by the Senate on this issue and would seriously consider its recommendations when formulating our National Strategy on Mental Illness and Mental Health. The Conservative Party of Canada, and our Health Critic, Steven Fletcher, have long called for a Mental Health Commission of Canada and a Conservative government will ensure that such a commission is established.

**Kind regards and thank you for your enquiry.**

**The Conservative Party of Canada**