

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**SUPPORT OUR VETERANS**

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

**THAT, WHEREAS** there are nearly 600,000 veterans in Canada who have put their lives at risk to serve our country,

**WHEREAS** Veterans Affairs service centres offer unique assistance to veterans with complex benefits applications, job training and the transition back to civilian life, in addition to providing mental health services, occupational therapy, in home visits and other health services,

**WHEREAS** cuts by the previous government to Veterans Affairs in 2013 resulted in the loss of 784 jobs across the country,

**WHEREAS** Veterans Ombudsman Guy Parent condemned changes to veterans’ benefits that have left those soldiers with the most serious injuries most at-risk for poverty,

**WHEREAS** at least one-third of Canadian veterans – over 175,000 in current numbers – will suffer from mental health difficulties in their lifetime, and

**WHEREAS** approximately one in ten veterans seeks support from Veterans Affairs Canada

**THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS** call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Immediately reopen the Veterans Affairs offices in Prince George, Corner Brook, Charlottetown, Sydney, Thunder Bay, Windsor, Brandon, Saskatoon and Kelowna, and
- Provide adequate funding to support service provision for veterans, including those veterans with physical and mental health challenges.

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3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
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