

# Petition to increase supports for Veterans and First Responders Mental Health

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

**WHEREAS** recent Veterans have a higher prevalence of mental health problems than the general Canadian population, earlier-era Veterans, and the serving population;

**WHEREAS** first responders are twice as likely than the average Canadian to suffer from PTSD;

**AND WHEREAS** Veterans, first responders and their families currently lack adequate resources and services to address mental health issues ;

**THEREFORE we call on the Government of Canada to support Irene Mathyssen’s motion M-61 which commits the Government to prioritizing and supporting the mental health of military service men and women, veterans, first responders, retired and volunteer first responders, and their families.**

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