Petition to the Government of Canada

Whereas:

- According to the Alzheimer Society, nearly 1 million people in Canada will be living with dementia by 2030 and this will increase to more than 1.7 million by 2050;
- According to Public Safety Canada, 60% of people living with dementia will go missing at some point. If a person with Alzheimer's disease is not found within 12 hours of being lost, there is a 50% chance that they will be found injured or dead from hypothermia, dehydration, or drowning. This makes any search an emergency;
- Silver Alert is a system that will provide notification when a vulnerable adult with dementia or other cognitive impairment goes missing so they can be brought home safely;
- According to researchers from the University of Waterloo, Faculty of Health, older adults who get lost and go missing are usually within four to 12 kilometres of their last known location. Silver Alerts to mobile devices could be geographically targeted to a local area; and
- Amber Alerts exist for vulnerable children. Many adults living with dementia are similarly vulnerable, but they are not yet protected by a similar system;

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Guidelines

1. Must have at least 25 original signatures with valid addresses (we recommend 30+ to be safe);
2. Must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it;
3. Must have at least 3 valid signatures and addresses on the first page after the full text of the petition (again, more is better if they can be fit);
4. Must include the prayer line (the request) of the petition on each subsequent page;
5. The text must not be altered or have any text added on any of the pages;
6. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition;
7. Should contain signatures of residents of Canada only;
8. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition;
9. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself;
10. No photocopies, scans, e-mails etc. as petitions are only admissible in hardcopy; and,
11. Petitions can be either double-sided or have a blank back page.

Please return all original signed petitions, postage free, to:

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