**Template letter/email to B.C. Provincial Election Candidates**

**Subject line:** Dementia support must be a government priority for B.C.

Dear [Mr./Mrs./Ms.] [First Name + Last Name],

I’m writing to ask about your party’s position on creating a more supportive and inclusive province for people living with dementia and their families.

There are an estimated 70,000 people living with dementia in British Columbia and within a generation, this number will more than double. It is critical that the next provincial government take meaningful action to support people affected by dementia throughout our province. This includes implementing a province-wide dementia strategy, ensuring health-care settings are responsive to the needs of people living with dementia and their families, as well as a commitment to essential services and policies which promote the best quality of life for people affected by dementia.

[If you are comfortable sharing, include a personal story about your experience with dementia here.]

A world without dementia must begin with a dementia-friendly society – where people living with the disease are welcomed, acknowledged and included. I would like to hear about how your party will address the concerns and improve the lives of people living with dementia and their families. Please send your response to my email/mailing address below.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Address]

[Email address]