## A PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FIRE COLLECTION AND RESEARCH

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

**WHEREAS** there is currently no uniform, consistent and centralized reporting system of fire related incidents in Canada:

**WHEREAS** the lack of a centralized data system designed for the collection and processing of a wide range of information regarding the daily hazards that threaten firefighters, as well as other emergency responders and laypersons, hampers necessary improvements in dealing with safety risks;

WHEREAS the findings of a centralized data system, using standardized reporting criteria, will not only help improve the health and safety of firefighters, but also prevent incendiary events – thus contributing to the safety of other emergency responders and the public;

**WHEREAS** a publicly accessible collection of national fire service data will provide reliable, up to date information to every region and community to help secure the broadest possible implementation of safety initiatives and save lives;

**THEREFORE,** your petitioners call on the Government of Canada to immediately implement Motion M-525 which calls for establishing a national database for the collection and dissemination of national fire service statistics in Canada:

M-525 — Mr. Julian (Burnaby—New Westminster) — That, in the opinion of the House, the government should support the creation, continued maintenance and funding of a national database that would include relevant fire information from all regions of Canada, as provided by provincial and municipal fire departments, in order to systematically collect comprehensive data and organize and disseminate information, with the goal of (i) increasing safety measures to the community, (ii) providing better protection to the health and well-being of firefighters and other first responders, (iii) helping the government to improve the Canadian Fire Service.

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