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PASSAGE OF BILL 56 TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT CAREGIVERS

A huge step forward in full recognition the role of caregiver

Montreal, October 29th, 2020 – The Groupe des Aidants du Sud-Ouest is very pleased with the adoption of Bill 56, which aims to recognize and support caregivers. A few days before the beginning of the National Caregivers' Week, its unanimous adoption is proof of the importance and recognition of this essential role. This announcement can only be beneficial in improving the living conditions of caregivers.

The GASO would like to acknowledge the incredible work of all the partners who have worked hard over the years to have the realities of caregivers recognized. **In addition, we would like to express our appreciation for the colossal work that the Regroupement des aidants naturels du Québec (RANQ) has done in recent months to improve the law.** Indeed, we are pleased to note that many of the recommendations made during its visit to the Commission des relations avec les citoyens were favourably received by the Minister responsible for Seniors and Close Caregivers, Marguerite Blais. **This bill will allow, among other things, a more inclusive definition of caregiving and a first step towards a national policy.**

"The law is an important first milestone that marks the beginning of a long-term, in-depth work and provides mechanisms for consultation and knowledge creation to support all ministries concerned with caregiving. We salute this historic moment, which is the result of an important consultation process, which we hope will continue in this direction through the Comité des partenaires and the Observatoire québécois de la proche aide. " – Mélanie Perroux, Executive Director of the Regroupement des Aidants Naturels du Québec (RANQ).

Sincerely,

The team at the Groupe des aidants du Sud-Ouest



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