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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re: Additional COVID Prevention and Containment Funding

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to ensure our long-term care residents and dedicated staff receive the best care possible during this unprecedented time. As I noted in my earlier communication on April 1, 2020, the government is providing up to \$88,340,000 in additional prevention and containment funding to support long-term care homes across the province in their response to COVID-19.

This funding will provide each long-term care home added relief to fund the extraordinary costs required to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining quality care and services for residents.

As outlined in my April 9<sup>th</sup> letter, long-term care homes will be able to use these additional funds to support the necessary incremental expenditures as you work to prevent and contain COVID-19. Eligible expenditures are incremental expenditures consistent with the objective of preventing and containing outbreak and are not limited to specific expenditure categories.

As promised, we have worked closely with the long-term care sector associations to determine how these additional funds will be allocated. This letter is to notify you of the next disbursement of up to \$44,314,800. Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Policy Division, will be sharing details regarding the terms and conditions of this funding with you shortly.

The health and well-being of all Ontarians – including long-term care residents, their families, and staff – is our government's number one priority. Since we first learned of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, the ministry has been actively working with our partners across the health system to implement enhanced measures to prevent and contain the virus.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you as we build a 21<sup>st</sup> century long-term care system that is well-resourced, puts residents at the centre and is ready to welcome our most vulnerable when and where they need it.

Sincerely,



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