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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

Re: Additional COVID-19 Prevention and Containment Funding

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to ensure that long-term care residents receive the best care possible during this unprecedented time.

As part of our government's ongoing efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are providing additional emergency funding of up to \$153,004,800 to support long-term care homes across the province. This funding is part of the recently announced \$268 million increase in prevention and containment funding to long-term care homes to supplement investments in prevention and containment supports retroactive to the start of the fiscal year.

This funding will provide eligible long-term care homes with further financial relief to cover extraordinary costs incurred by preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19, while maintaining quality care and services for residents. Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division, will share details about the terms and conditions of the funding with you in a separate letter.

As outlined in my April 9, 2020 letter, eligible long-term care homes may use these additional funds to support any necessary incremental expenditures that will help prevent and contain outbreaks. As such, eligible expenditures are not limited to specific categories. The Ministry of Long-Term Care continues to work with the long-term care sector to better understand these types of expenditures.

The health and well-being of all Ontarians, including long-term care residents, their families, and staff are top priorities for the Government of Ontario. Since we first learned of this public health issue, the Ministry of Long-Term Care has worked tirelessly with our partners across the health system to implement enhanced measures to prevent and contain COVID-19.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as we build a 21st 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.

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Sincerely,

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