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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 \$154,888,700 to support long-term care homes across the province.

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 their 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 previously announced, the Ministry of Long-Term Care will continue to provide eligible long-term care homes with prevention and containment funding support into the 2021-22 fiscal year. Further details regarding 2021-22 funding will be provided as soon as they become available.

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 of COVID-19. 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 identify eligible expenditures.

The health and well-being of all Ontarians, including long-term care residents, their families, visitors 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.

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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.

Sincerely,

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