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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

**Re: Additional COVID-19 Prevention and Containment Funding and Extension of  
Funding into 2021-22**

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 \$130,563,700 to support long-term care homes across the province. This funding is part of the recently announced \$268 million to support COVID-19 related costs incurred throughout the 2020-21 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 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.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that we 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. 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.

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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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