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**Re: Personal Support Worker Temporary Wage Enhancement**

Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensees:

I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Long-Term Care (the “ministry”) will be providing up to \$135,963,500 in funding for a temporary wage enhancement for personal support workers providing publicly funded personal support services in Long-Term Care Homes, in support of Ontario’s Fall Preparedness Plan.

Since the onset of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, the ministry has been actively working with the long-term care sector as well as our partners across the health care system to implement enhanced measures to stop the spread of the virus. This additional measure is intended to encourage stabilization and retention of the current complement of personal support workers as they continue to work during COVID-19 and the influenza season. It also supports ongoing efforts to attract and recruit new employees in order to maintain safe staffing levels and operations in long-term care homes.

Sheila Bristo, the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division, will write to you shortly concerning the terms and conditions governing this funding.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to improving the quality of long-term care in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton  
Minister of Long-Term Care

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