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Dear Long-Term Care Home Licensee:

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring our most vulnerable population remains protected during this unprecedented time. I want to thank the staff working at long-term care homes in these challenging conditions.

As part of the ongoing government effort to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 across the province, we are providing initial emergency funding to the long-term care home sector of \$50,000,000 effective immediately.

This funding will provide each long-term care home with immediate relief to fund the extraordinary costs related to the rapid response required to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19. This will support long-term care homes in preventing new infections, containing the spread of any existing infections, and responding to staffing challenges.

Long-term care homes will be able to use these additional funds for operational costs related to screening, staffing, supplies and equipment to help maintain the health and safety of long-term care home residents and staff.

We continue to explore every opportunity to provide further support to our long-term care partners and we are committed to collaborating with you as this situation continues to evolve.

The Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Policy Division will write to you shortly concerning the terms and conditions applicable to this new funding.

Once again thank you for your efforts and dedication, which will go a long way to improve the lives of residents in long-term care homes.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

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