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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 our long-term care residents and dedicated staff 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 up to \$45,293,400 in additional prevention and containment funding to support long-term care homes across the province.

This funding will provide eligible long-term care homes with continued added relief to cover the extraordinary costs required to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19, while maintaining quality care and services for residents.

As outlined in my April 9, 2020 letter, long-term care homes may use these additional funds to support the necessary incremental expenditures as they work to prevent and contain COVID-19. Eligible expenditures are incremental costs that will help further prevent and contain outbreak and are therefore not limited to specific expenditure categories. The Ministry continues to work with the sector to better understand expenditures in LTC homes related to the prevention and containment of COVID-19. This will inform the funding allocation for a future investment of up to \$90 million to the sector.

Sheila Bristo, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Long-Term Care Operations Division, will share details about the terms and conditions of this funding with you in the near future.

The health and well-being of all Ontarians, including long-term care residents, their families, and staff is a top priority for our government. Since we first learned of COVID-19 as an emerging public health issue, the Ministry of Long-Term Care has been actively working with our partners across the health system to implement enhanced measures to prevent and contain the virus.

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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,

Original Signed By



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Minister of Long-Term Care

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- Mr. Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
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 - Mr. Elham Roushani, Interim Finance Lead, Ontario Health
 - Ms. Donna Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Long-Term Care Home Association
 - Ms. Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, AdvantAge Ontario