

## PETITION TO THE PARLIAMENT OF ONTARIO

- **WHEREAS** Ontarians who now live in long-term care (LTC) homes are increasingly older, frailer and have greater complex care needs;
- **WHEREAS** our elder parents, family and friends deserve to live with dignity and respect;
- **WHEREAS** the McGuinty Liberal government failed to revolutionize long-term care and broke its promise to seniors to provide \$6,000 in personal care, per resident;
- **WHEREAS** five years of Liberal inaction has restricted Ontario’s ability to meet the demands of our aging population;
- **WHEREAS** more than 24,000 Ontarians are currently waiting for a LTC bed;
- **WHEREAS** Ontario funds significantly less resident care than Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and New Brunswick;
- **WHEREAS** dedicated LTC homes are short staffed and have not been given resources to hire enough front-line workers to provide the level of care residents require;
- **WHEREAS** devoted LTC staff are burdened by cumbersome government regulations;
- **WHEREAS some 35,000 seniors are living in LTC beds which do not meet the home-like design standards introduced in 1998 by the former PC government;**

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows.

That the McGuinty government must enhance long-term care by:

- Initiating a sector-wide staffing increase of 4,500 full-time positions within a year.
- Expediting the redevelopment of Ontario’s 35,000 oldest long-term care beds by providing adequate support and funding.
- Achieving an average of 3 worked hours of personal care, per day, within a year;
- Simplifying the regulations which govern nursing homes;
- Producing a comprehensive plan with benchmarks to reduce LTC waitlists of more than 24,000 people;
- Addressing inflationary pressures by adequately funding the increased operating costs of LTC homes.

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