



September 20, 2020,

Dear Ms Gretzky MPP

CFUW Windsor supports the passage of More Than a Visitor Act, that you introduced on September 16, 2020. The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has a long history of supporting quality health care for all Canadians. We believe that regular contact with essential caregivers for residents of long-term care facilities (many of whom are family members) is critical to the emotional and mental health of our elderly citizens. While we understand that caregivers have the potential to promote the spread of infections, we also believe that it is necessary for the Ministry of Health to provide sufficient controls to limit any spread of infection.

In 2008, CFUW Windsor presented to the members of CFUW a resolution urging the government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments to make infection prevention and control measures mandatory in all acute care (hospitals), long-term care, continuing care facilities and community health clinics. This past summer, CFUW adopted two resolutions related to promoting best practices for long-term care facilities that would ensure stable staffing and promote provision of quality care. For your information we have appended the full text adopted by our national organization.

CFUW represents women from across the country and more than 4,700 women in Ontario, many of whom are caregivers for residents of long-term care facilities and we thank you for your efforts. We believe the passage of this legislation will go along way to promote improved quality of life and health care for all our citizens.

On behalf of CFUW

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