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Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, MPP Kanata-Carleton  
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Dear Minister Fullerton:

The events of the past year have exposed long-standing problems with the operation of certain long-term care facilities in the province.

We acknowledge and appreciate that the government has established a new Commission studying CO-VID 19 and long-term care with a report planned for April 2021. Staffing issues such as levels of staff and their training had already been brought to the attention of government. Two reports, The Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in Long-term Care Homes Systems (2019) and the Long-term Care Staffing Study Advisory Group (2010) documented the lack of appropriate staffing levels, training, as well as the lack of full-time employment. (Though we understand that despite funding for training of much needed staff to support the ratio of patient to care provider, the expected staffing requirements will not be met until 2024-25.)

The studies also noted that the lack of unannounced annual inspections of these facilities was not happening. The level of care subsequently diminished.

We encourage the government to re-instate the unannounced annual inspection of all long-term facilities in the province. The enforcement of regulations is paramount in assuring that the infirm and the elderly are receiving the ongoing individual and supportive care that they require.

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Thank you,

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