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The Honourable Eric Hoskins
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Dear Minister Hoskins:

I am a _____ (consumer, family member of someone in long term care, health care professional or...) who is very concerned about our long term care home system.

I am writing to urge you to take action to transform our system in Ontario. Our system is broken and despite many commissions, hundreds of recommendations for improvement, many millions of dollars, and an unconscionable number of tragedies, there has been little, if any, improvement in the quality of care for the residents over the past 30 years.

It is my belief that the system needs to be transformed. There are many examples of innovative models both in Canada and elsewhere that could be studied to provide good guidance for change. These models are proving that for approximately the same amount of operating dollars, they can provide a more "normalized" lifestyle to enrich the lives of the residents, the staff and families alike. Many say we are still warehousing our elderly in institutions. Unfortunately they are right.

I would urge you to launch a comprehensive review of options that exist in other parts of our own country as well as in Europe and beyond for those who can no longer live in their own homes. Our aging population is exploding. The status quo is simply not good enough.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

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