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Dear Mr. Iannicca,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful submission to the Long-Term Care Commission on December 23, 2020.

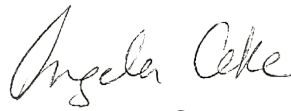
As we carry out our investigation, it is critical for us to hear from groups and individuals with different perspectives on the issues we have been asked to investigate. Your submission will help to inform our understanding of the issues and assist us as we consider possible solutions.

Thank you again. We encourage you to offer further information or ideas as the Commission continues its work.

Yours truly,



Frank N. Marrocco,
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Dear Justice Marrocco, Ms. Coke, and Dr. Kitts,

Re: Region of Peel's Submission to the Provincial Commission into Ontario's Long Term Care Sector

Firstly, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Region of Peel for your swift action and leadership to influence much needed improvements across the long-term care sector. We are encouraged by the interim recommendations of your Commission.

The COVID-19 pandemic has both highlighted and exacerbated longstanding challenges across the long-term care sector. Since early March, the Region's own long-term care homes have been swift in their response, implementing strategies to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19. Ten months later, protecting the most vulnerable seniors living in long term care homes along with those working to support their care, remains our first and foremost priority.

As a municipal long-term care provider, the Region cares for residents with complex care needs, fills gaps in service to address community need and is leading the sector by example in transforming care within our long-term care homes through a person-centered approach. It is through the lens of the Region's own leading practices and commitment to improving long term care and seniors' services delivery, that we share our insights.

I have attached a copy of the Region's submission which outlines Peel's experience with COVID-19, and builds upon existing Regional priorities and advocacy positions, detailing several recommendations across four themes:

- Investments in effective infection prevention and control strategies and streamlining pandemic response
- Creating a stable and sustainable workforce strategy, including immediate investment in staffing
- Funding and support for person-centered care and specialized dementia care
- Funding and supports to meet community needs and client complexity along the seniors' care continuum

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The Region welcomes the opportunity to delegate or meet with the Commission to further discuss our recommendations, and the changes across the seniors' continuum of care that will address challenges in the long term care sector. We are committed to working in partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and other health system partners to strengthen not only the quality of care but strive for a person-centered approach to designing and delivering care.

Kindest personal regards,



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