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Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thank you for your letter about supporting long-term care homes in Ontario. I appreciate hearing your views and concerns.

As you know, this July our government will launch an independent commission to determine the impact of COVID-19 on long-term care homes in Ontario. Details of the commission are now being finalized, including the terms of reference, membership, leadership of the commission and reporting timelines.

The challenges long-term care homes have faced during this pandemic are not unique to Ontario, yet we are the first jurisdiction in North America to voluntarily and proactively launch this kind of review. Our independent and non-partisan commission will prioritize transparency through public hearings, public deputations and public input. Further, we are committed to the report being public. By having a commission, we are ensuring we are taking a responsible and transparent approach, so we can take quick and decisive action. We owe it to the families of those in long-term care homes to provide a safe environment for their loved ones today and into the future.

Our priority is protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians, especially long-term care residents who are among Ontario's most vulnerable. Together, along with partners like the Region of Peel, we will build a system that works in the best interest of residents and the people that work so hard to keep them safe.

Thanks again for writing to me.

Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

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