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Dear Nando,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me on behalf of Peel Regional Council. I appreciate your message of congratulations. It is an honour to take on the role of Minister of Long-Term Care for Ontario.

I would also like to thank you for sharing information regarding the issues facing Peel Region and for highlighting how your Regional Council is meeting the needs of vulnerable seniors.

I look forward to touring Peel Manor in the coming months and meeting with you at the upcoming AMO conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalia Kusendova".

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Long-Term Care

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June 14, 2024

The Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
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Dear Minister Kusendova-Bashta,

On behalf of the Peel Regional Council and Regional staff, congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Long-Term Care. We look forward to building on the partnership you have already developed with Peel, particularly as it relates to caring for seniors in our communities.

As you may know, Peel's forecasted growth is expected to result in approximately 2.3 million residents by 2051. Seniors continue to be Peel's fastest growing age group in the region, so that by 2041, one in five of our residents will be over 65 years of age.

Peel Region recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach often doesn't meet the needs of vulnerable, older adults. The path forward requires a collaborative approach, which includes support from the provincial government to meet the complex needs of aging residents in Peel, and across Ontario. Working together we can find effective and comprehensive solutions that can inform system transformation and improve care for all seniors.

Peel Region operates five long-term care homes and co-located adult day service programs. As such, we welcome provincial efforts that enhance the quality of care in long-term care homes, as well as increased investments in community-based care and supports to reduce pressures on institutional care.

The Community Paramedicine in Long-Term Care program funded by your Ministry is one excellent example of the provincial government's efforts to invest upstream in order to protect Long-Term Care (LTC) and hospital beds. So too is your Ministry's commitment to improving care within LTC homes through the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act*. To this end, we have advocated for funding to sustain these important reforms, and to support emotion-based care that helps safeguard the health and well-being of seniors living with dementia. We also hope to build on your efforts to champion person-centred dementia care in Ontario through your introduction of Bill 121, *Improving Dementia Care in Ontario Act, 2023*. The legislation is aligned with and supportive of reforms we would like to see.

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Regional Chair & CEO

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Peel Region is proud of our soon-to-be-completed Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor. Integrated wraparound care for seniors at this innovative facility aligns with the provincial government's efforts to end hallway health care and improve long term care integration within the community. We look forward to providing you with a tour of the facility when it opens in the coming months, and to discuss the critical need for provincial partnership to bring Peel's vision for integrated care for seniors to fruition.

We hope we will have the opportunity to meet with you at the upcoming 2024 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference in August to discuss these issues and how we can work together to meet the needs of Peel residents and businesses.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Long-Term Care and I wish you much success in your new role. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca
Regional Chair & Chief Executive Officer
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