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The Honorable Merrilee Fullerton Ministry of Long-Term Care 400 University Ave. 6th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

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10 Peel Centre Dr. Suite A, 5th Floor Brampton, ON L6T 4B9 905-791-7800 ext. 4310 Dear Minister Fullerton:

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, thank you for the opportunity to virtually meet with you and your staff at the recent AMO Conference.

We appreciate the steps your government is taking to protect vulnerable seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the pandemic, the Region has remained dedicated to providing emotionally focused care through the Butterfly Home model. This model uses a person-centred approach to successfully address clinical needs, protect the health and safety of residents and improve the well-being of those living with dementia.

In order to continue improving quality of life for seniors in Peel, we also discussed increased funding for seniors' supports, including home and community care, dementia supports in long-term care and the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor. The Region is currently redeveloping the Peel Manor site to ensure it meets current standards aligned to the Province's commitment to invest in building and redeveloping long-term care homes. As mentioned in the meeting, the Region requires a targeted, minimum investment of \$30 million in funding to redevelop Peel Manor as a campus of care.

Protecting the most vulnerable seniors and ensuring a quality of life for long-term care residents, continues to be a top priority. As such, the Region is thankful that your government is conducting an independent commission to review the structural and entrenched problems in Ontario's long-term care system, and we look forward to participating in that commission.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your Ministry to support seniors along the care continuum and would like to invite you to tour our Sheridan Village Long-Term Care Home, where we have successfully implemented a Butterfly Home in our Special Behavioural Support Unit. Other visitors have found that seeing our work in action helps inform their thinking about ways of improving the culture of care in long-term homes and supporting better quality of life for residents.

Once again, thank you for meeting with the Region of Peel's delegation at the 2020 AMO Conference to discuss these important issues. Please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

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Kindest personal regards,

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