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Hon. Doug Ford, MPP
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier:

I would like to bring some important issues to your attention, which have been raised by a number of my constituents since the pandemic began.

During the first and second waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed the tragic consequences from the failure to properly protect residents in long-term care across the province. As you know, thousands of Ontarians have been affected by these failures, which are now a concern to their family and friends, who are eagerly awaiting the findings of Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission.

Why has your government refused a request by the Commission to extend their deadline beyond April 30, 2021 in order to allow its members to accurately review all relevant documentation?

Given your government's refusal to give Commission members additional time, like many Ontarians, I expect that you will ensure their report is released publicly in real-time after it is submitted to the government.

I am confident that we all agree that it is in the public's best interest that the findings of this report be readily available for review.

Furthermore, it would behoove your government to ensure that members of your Cabinet are made available in the Legislature to address questions and concerns stemming from the report. Governments should not cower from taking responsibility for their actions and inactions during the COVID-19 crisis.

The people of Ontario deserve nothing less than transparency and honesty, especially during these difficult times.

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In closing, I implore you to respect this fundamental principle of our democratic system. I believe you care about the people of Ontario and therefore, please do not shirk your elected responsibility of providing answers they require in these times.

Yours very truly,

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Stephen Blais
Member of Provincial Parliament
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