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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you again for your letter and interim recommendations sent on October 23, 2020. As I referenced in my initial response, also sent October 23, 2020, we recognize the urgency of this situation and we appreciate your timely recommendations to help Ontario continue to act swiftly to protect residents and staff in long-term care homes.

My ministry has carefully reviewed your recommendations and I am pleased to provide a more comprehensive response on the current status of these action areas outlined in the attachment to this letter.

Many of the areas that you have identified are consistent with our efforts currently underway as we continue to work hard to solve the long-standing and systemic challenges facing the long-term care system. As you acknowledge, we remain in the midst of an urgent and high-risk situation with the second wave of COVID-19. It is critical that we continue to learn and adapt as this situation evolves, and we will continue to take your recommendations into account moving forward.

We look forward to receiving the Commission's final report and recommendations by April 30, 2021. Keeping Ontarians safe—particularly our most vulnerable—continues to be the top priority of our government. We remain committed to taking every step to protect long-term care residents, staff and visitors.

Thank you again for sharing your interim recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M Fullerton'.

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton  
Minister of Long-Term Care

Attachment:

- Appendix A - Current Status to Interim Recommendations