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Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

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Hon. Eric Hoskins, MPP
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
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Toronto ON M7A 2C4

Hand-delivered to the office of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Dear Minister:

The upcoming closure of Hillside Manor—and the possible transfer of up to 50 beds out of our community—continues to concern my constituents and me. To date, 3,585 people have signed my petition on this matter. It calls on your government to reject any proposal to reduce the number of long-term care beds in Perth-Wellington, and to increase investment in local long-term care facilities. Copies of my petition are enclosed.

In addition, I have received many heartfelt phone calls, emails, and letters from constituents who are concerned about beds leaving our area. I have enclosed these for you to review; I would appreciate if you would do so prior to making a decision on the proposal to transfer beds. I also ask that you respond to them.

Since I was first elected in 2011, few issues have commanded so much attention from the people I represent. I appreciate your office's recent willingness to work with us, and your commitment to ensure that our voices are heard. As well, I would ask that you review my previous letters on this matter, which I have also enclosed.

Again, I would appreciate if you and your staff would review my constituents' letters, emails and petitions on this matter of such importance to us. We look forward to your positive response and we ask for your personal commitment to keep long-term care beds in our area—and to add to them. Quite simply, we need them.

Sincerely,

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

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Enclosures

c: Municipalities in Perth-Wellington

Lori Van Opstal, Interim Board Chair, South West LHIN

Michael Barrett, CEO, South West LHIN

Derrick Araneda, Chief of Staff, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Vivian Ng, Senior Policy Advisor, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Ian Chesney, Policy Advisor, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Mark Tishman, MPP Liaison & Operations, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Dr. Bob Bell, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)

Peter Kaftarian, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Capital Division, MOHLTC

Brian Pollard, Assistant Deputy Minister (Acting), Long-Term Care Homes Division, MOHLTC

Margaret Allore, Manager, Licensing and Long-Term Care Programs, MOHLTC

Thomas G. Wellner, President and CEO, Revera Inc.

Wendy Gilmour, Senior Vice President, Long Term Care, Revera Inc.