

# Ontario Petition for Minimum Care Standards in Nursing Homes

**To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

- **Whereas** understaffing in Ontario nursing homes is a serious problem resulting in inadequate care for residents and unsafe conditions for staff;
  
- **Whereas** after the Harris government removed the regulation providing minimum care levels in 1995, hours of care dropped below the previous 2.25 hour/day minimum;
  
- **Whereas** the recent improvements in hours of care are not adequate, vary widely and are not held to accountable standards;
  
- **Whereas** there is currently nothing in legislation to protect residents and staff from renewed cuts to care levels by future governments, and;
  
- **Whereas** care needs have measurably increased with aging and the movement of people with more complex health needs from hospitals into long term care homes;

**Therefore, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:**

We call on the government of Ontario to:

- Immediately enact and fund an average care standard of 3.5 hours per resident per day in the regulations under the new Long Term Care Homes Act.

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