



## Dear MPP

Despite recent increases, Ontario still funds the lowest level of long term care of any of the 11 other jurisdictions in the government funded 'Level of Service Study'.

- Ontario residents still get 45 minutes less care daily than residents in Saskatchewan got in 1999. This is simply not enough when:
  - 9 out of 10 require help to get dressed and eat;
  - 8 out of 10 require help to move around; and,
  - 6 out of 10 suffer from dementia and related disorders.
- Homes are unable to provide the programming recommended by the government's own Compliance Advisors.
- Government's long term care home construction and redevelopment programs will still leave 41,000 residents without access to new living and privacy standards.

A government commitment is needed now to increase operating funding by \$260 million, or \$10 per resident per day, in both 2003 and 2004, and to implement a capital renewal program.

Government's only commitment is that residents will pay \$2 more per day in 2003 and another \$2 in 2004.

On behalf of residents, I am asking you to tell government: "It is time to do your share, too!"

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*The Passion Behind the Compassion*