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Ontario Long Term Care Association Issues a Call to Action for Government *Access for All: High Quality Long Term Care Homes for Seniors Now*

Markham... The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) today issued a call to action asking government to support those frail seniors who need long term care homes by re-building homes and ensuring all long term care facilities are properly maintained.

Access for All: High Quality Long term Care Homes for Seniors Now calls on the new government to take action immediately to ensure there is equitable access to high-quality, modern facilities now and in the future.

Considering demand for long term care is expected to nearly triple by 2035, action is critical to avoid a crisis of access, quality and availability of care in the future. Ageing facilities don't allow homes to provide the care that residents require, and the quality of life they deserve.

"Long term care homes across the province are providing exceptional quality, specialized care to some of Ontario's most vulnerable citizens," said Gail Paech, CEO of the OLTCA, which represents 70 per cent of long term care homes in Ontario. "But we also care for the buildings that our residents call home. We need them to be redeveloped and properly maintained so we can continue providing exceptional quality care in a home-like environment within the community."

The call to action identifies steps that need to be taken now to update long term care homes so that facilities are safe, comfortable and modern. It also asks for the stable and sustainable funding that homes need to maintain an environment that supports the best possible care for residents and can be a place they are proud to call home. Lastly it identifies the critical need for new and modern facilities to be built in the right communities so that everyone who needs long term care, now and in the future, can access it.

Access for All: High Quality Long Term Care Homes for Seniors Now is available online at: www.oltca.com

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Ontario Long Term Care Association

OLTCA represents 70 per cent of Ontario's long term care homes. Our 430 homes come from the not-for-profit, charitable, hospital, municipal and private sectors. Together they provide quality care to more than 50,000 Ontario residents and employ almost 50,000 people. Our member homes are regulated by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and provide care and accommodation services to residents throughout Ontario.