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The Hon. Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier,

Re: Eligibility for HST Rebate on Electricity Bills by Not-for-Profit, Charitable and Municipal
Long-Term Care Homes

I am writing to you on behalf of our members across Ontario who provide a caring home environment in their long term care (LTC) homes to over 36,000 of Ontario's seniors. We are urging you and your government to ensure that not-for-profit, charitable and municipal LTC homes obtain the rebate on the provincial portion of the HST on their residential electricity bills announced in the Throne Speech to introduce the Second Session of the 41st Parliament. Doing so will allow our members to direct more resources to bedside care, programming for residents and facility upgrades and improvements.

Not-for-profit, charitable and municipal LTC homes are, in fact, "homes" to their residents in the last years of their lives and our homes do everything they possibly can to provide a home environment. Various policy and regulatory decisions of the federal and provincial governments recognize LTC homes as "residences".

Your government exempted not-for-profit and charitable LTC homes from the payment of property taxes under the *Assessment Act* and the same wording as used in the *Assessment Act* could be used in the legislation to implement the 8% HST rebate.

This is a matter of great concern to our members and we are fully committed to working with your government to make it happen for the benefit of the seniors living in our member homes.

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Humphreys
Acting Chief Executive Officer

CC: Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Hon. Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy