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Submitted values are:

Bill or item of business: **Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020**

Choose a topic

Do you know the bill title or business (e.g., pre-budget consultations) you'd like to speak or submit material about?

Yes

Choose an application

Which application would you like to submit?

Request to appear as a committee witness (with the option of submitting material)

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Are you applying to appear as an individual or on behalf of an organization?

I am an individual applying to appear

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Language of your presentation

English

Do you require any special accommodation (e.g., accessibility, technology)?

No

Do you want to include an electronic written brief alongside your application to appear (optional)?

No

Would you like to add any other information?

My mother, Ruth Kennedy is a resident of Grace Manor in Brampton. One of the homes that the army was deployed to. Since March of this year, it has been a living hell for her and for myself, my brother, our significant others and her grandchildren! She was hospitalized with COVID for almost 2 months. Her health has deteriorated to the point where she no longer walks, cannot go to the washroom by herself, lost almost 60 pounds and in addition, her dementia, because of contracting COVID in the home, has worsened 10 fold. She got a bedsore that got so infected that the doctor ordered an x-ray to ensure it had not gotten to the bone. She was put on major antibiotics and had to have the dressing changed 3 times a day to ensure it would not become a death sentence. On top of this, she was physically assaulted by a PSW on October 1st (was hit in the face) and I am absolutely appalled that the government is trying to have this Bill passed! We entrusted our mother and her care to this home and this is what happens to her? I cannot tell you the amount of guilt and heartache that I have felt during this entire time and there needs to be accountability and justice for my mother and all residents of nursing homes! They are the most vulnerable and yet treated with no respect or dignity! This Bill should not be passed at all and it sickens me that this is even be considered.