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Dear Members of the committee ,

My name is Sarah Bateman, I am the daughter of John Bateman who resides at The village of Erin Meadows in

Mississauga. My father was Placed in the LTC for on December 30th 2019 when his Cerebral palsy became to much for my mother (his wife) to handle at home.

My dad is the oldest living person in North America who has Cerebral Palsy, that right there makes him a hero all on its own.

In the start of March 2020 my father was rushed to a Credit Valley Hospital due to a severe UTI that became septic due to staff not being attentive . While at the hospital, my father was tested for Covid as a result his back negative . Due to my dad's negative result he was able to return to the LTC after his treatment for the UTI . Meanwhile back at the centre all the residents were tested for Covid . A week later we got devastating devastating phone call saying that my father has tested positive for Covid. We got the phone call on Sunday and on the Tuesday me and my mother made the decision just sent him to the hospital as he was not getting the proper care at the centre . My father's roommate was not doing so well himself so that they both my father and his roommate were rushed to hospital . Only my father returned to the centre that night , as his roommate passed .

Later that evening we had found out that my father's roommate had tested positive for Covid while my father was in the hospital with a UTI the first time , The centre knowingly put my father back in his room with a positive patient . They knew my father was tested at the hospital , they knew my fathers result had come back negative, hey still put him back in the room knowing very well that my father would most likely contact the virus as well as having C.P and a lung illness.

A few days after my dad had returned to the centre he got worse , we thought about sending him back to the hospital. But was advised if we that's so and he was admitted that he will no longer be welcomed in the centre due to him being positive for Covid. My family was stuck in between a rock and a hard place. They would leave him in his room not coming to help or care for him . I pretty much left my father to die. My father what cry and yell for help and no one would come. We Started getting phone calls saying he would not eat or drink. My dad would call my mom constantly saying that he needed help. And that it hurt so much. No one would come in to change him or bath him let alone check on him. It is believed that my dad has developed some PTSD throughout his experience with Covid due to the lack of care in the centre.

They had stickers on doors of the patients rooms that where Covid positive,

They stickers read

“do not enter”.....

there is no physical physician on site at any one time, The physician that who is in charge of the centres residence where is through FaceTime on an iPad.

Never once was there a real physician on the property . My father was the only resident on his floor that survived Covid . However you're not gonna find the data anywhere clear the fact that the same chair was not telling the media and public health everything.

The centre kept many things a secret due to the fact that they did not want to be classified as a failed centre . However they did fail , They failed my father and my family . They also shared many other family members and residences .

A week after my dad had tested positive for Covid he was placed on the palliative list Which allowed my mother and myself to go in.

My father is alive today because of the help from my mother. My mother is a stage four oncology patient and she put her health on the line to make my dad comfortable and gain his strength. Because nobody at the centre was doing that . My mom was going every day all day and bring him protein shakes and water, Soft foods like pudding and yoghurt. She is the only reason that he survived Covid .

My father today has PTSD due to his experience with Covid and the way he was treated in the centre as well as he has onset dementia which we believe was due to the fact of going septic with his UTI.

Since my father has had Covid the centre has been in outbreak status 8 Different times.

My father has not seen my older sister who is in a community living-based group home in well over eight months, he has not seen my two boys his two grandchildren in eight months.

I was reading an article earlier this week about residence in the LTC community and it says that prisoners in

Ontario are treated better than people in LTC care. And as sad as it is , it's true . But right now we have a chance you have a chance to make it better.

I'm begging you please reject this bill And let the families have justice for the heartbreak and pain and suffering and loss that they have a counted during this pandemic . Some of the things I have seen with my own eyes are totally not humane . These people did not act in good intentions these people did not act in good faith. You don't let murderers walk away , so why would you let this

Putting my dad back into a room with a Covid positive patient knowing fully Well that he would get the virus doesn't take a scientist to see that, that is murder .

God bless you all and I hope that The committee does right with the long term care community. rejecting the bill make sure that your loved ones or yourself don't have to go through this pain when the time comes that you need the LTC.

Sarah Bateman