

Premier Ford, and assembled members of the legislature,

I was watching the news with my daughter, who works as a grocery clerk, when coverage of Bill 218 being discussed in parliament began. She asked if people were trying to sue her and her co-workers due to the COVID pandemic. To which I replied, “no, this is the government trying to protect itself, and the people that own the home that Nannie lived in, because they handled the pandemic so badly. They are just using you and your friends to distract from that”.

My family, and countless others, who have/had a loved one in LTC during the pandemic have watched with horror as the death toll mounted, largely due to the slow reaction of government to the pandemic in long term care, and operators who valued cost saving measures over lives.

This legislation changes the rules governing civil litigation against LTC Corporations & the government, AFTER the fact. As an average Canadian, I struggle to understand this from either a legal, or ethical standpoint.

The families and the residents of long term care in Ontario have been through so much suffering already. WHY does the Ford government seek to prolong that suffering by creating more hurdles on the pathway to justice that we deserve. This legislation not only shields private for-profits, but also the government, and provides little to no accountability.

In closing, I would just like to ask that the MPP's vote with their conscience, and not just blindly follow political lines. There are thousands of Ontarians who have suffered. Please do not compound it by passing this bill, and letting those responsible “get away with murder”

Regards,

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