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Attention Clerk of the Committee,

I have read the pre-budget for 2020 regarding Long Term Care. I do not want to make an oral presentation but would like to make comments.

Much more needs to be done to address the needs of seniors and the impact of the care they require on hospitals as well as all other community agencies that try to keep seniors in their homes as long a possible. Addressing the number facilities and care workers (nurses, doctors, p.s.w.'s, social workers etc.), the education of new care workers, and the need for doctors who specialize in elder care in under serviced areas is crucial. So much of what is available is stretched to the limit or not available at all. The Niagara area is one such example.

Another area of great concern is the nutritional budget allotted to long term care homes. The lack of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other nutritious foods needs to have greater scrutiny. As food prices have increased so too should the budget. There is lots of good research on the topic and there are policies in place but what good are they when the funding is insufficient.

Ways of obtaining locally sourced, sustainable foods should be explored fully.

Sincerely

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