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Dear Ms. Douglas,

My name is Bonnie Keefe and I am writing to ask you to help my daughter. Her name is Jennifer Napier and she is 36 years old and has William's Syndrome and Borderline Personality. She needs help every day with basic things like showering and cooking. She needs reminders to complete daily life skills like changing her clothes. She needs a dentist immediately and a Doctor to address issues with her health. Right now, she is in Cornwall in a crisis bed and is very sad and upset. She has been moved multiple times from crisis bed to crisis bed. She doesn't have the support she needs and calls me threatening to commit suicide regularly.

She needs a supportive long term home with staff support. She needs a place where she can unpack, have her belongings with her and create a home, while getting the staff support she needs to keep her safe.

I know I am not the only parent trying to find support for their child. I am approached by parents all the time asking if I can help them. I have been told that 16, 000 people with disabilities are on a waiting list in need of support. I can't understand why the government is not helping these people.

In November of 2019 I slept out in a tent on the front lawn of the Refrew Town Hall to raise awareness and to help my daughter get help. I had other parents and individuals come to visit me while I was in the tent to congratulate me for fighting for my daughter and all the other people who need help. I have spoken to newspapers, television stations and politicians and no one seems to be able to help.

I have my own health issues that I need to deal with, but I can't do that until I know my daughter is in a safe and healthy space. I worry and wonder every day, what will happen to Jennifer if something happens to me. Who will fight for her then?

I am sure that you love your children just as much as I love mine. So, you will understand why I am fighting so hard to get her help. Please help me help my child and those of all the others on the waiting list.

Please read or provide a copy of this letter to Premier Doug Ford and ask him for help.

Sincerely,

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