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Please withdraw Bill 175 and begin again.

We all realize that the situation in long term care facilities is now a run away train due to successive governments (including the Ford Government) continuing to cut regulations, remove public oversight, and ultimately allow private operators to prioritize making unconscionable profits over basic care of our most vulnerable citizens.

It makes absolutely no sense to try to rush through a thinly veiled "reform" for long term care facilities in the MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC WHERE SENIORS CONSTITUTE MOST OF THE VICTIMS. The bill leaves me and many others with much concern that it will not help the systemic problems in long term care, and will only make matters worse. You and the care facilities are currently being sued by families of loved ones that have died from negligence! How can you defend such a bill?

The only responsible solution is to develop thoughtful reform based on recommendations from a PUBLIC INQUIRY (not the partisan, limited liability one you've proposed).

I also want to remind the Premier and policy makers that this situation is bigger than Ipperwash, Walkerton (in terms of scale of those directly impacted). Therefore, the response to this tragedy needs to be "as loud as your disrespect has been".

Sincerely,

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