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Over the last six days, 5376 Ontarians sent the following letter via email to Premier Doug Ford and to their own MPP.

On behalf of the Council of Canadians, I submit the letter to the committee.

Dear Premier Doug Ford,

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed how privatization and deregulation have undermined the safety and quality of care provided to residents in long-term care homes across Ontario.

The proposed changes to homecare in Bill-175 will make the same mistakes previous governments made with long-term care by removing public oversight and expanding privatization. Bill 175 must be fundamentally changed to reverse the privatization and deregulation of homecare. Ontario must act on the recommendations of the people who rely on homecare services, their families, the workers that provide the care and the independent experts that have learned firsthand what works best.

Premier Ford, I want you to make caring for seniors the priority – not corporate profit. We must learn from past mistakes. You know that more privatization means less care. We can afford to treat our seniors better.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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