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## **Members Long Term Care Commission**

I am writing on behalf of the Advocacy Committee of the Family Council Network Four; families connected to 86 Long Term Care homes and some 11,000 residents in the Hamilton, Brant, Niagara, Haldimand, Burlington and Simcoe area.

We are very grateful that you have listened intensively to the many groups that have shared their concerns, suggestions and stories with your team. We are delighted and appreciative that on October 23, 2020, the Interim Report was released with your findings to date . The ***Time to Care Act*** has been the focus of our team since 2012, based on the many evidence -based reports of the time required for basic care needs of the resident that is now in Long Term Care homes. Your report mirrored the very issues that we have been advocating for and applaud your statement that it is well past the need and time for more “studies”.

We know that your work is not yet complete and you will continue to explore the issues for your final report in April 2021. In previous correspondence, we have offered to present to the Long Term Care Commission, the concerns expressed by families of Long Term Care residents. We are reiterating that offer in this e-mail. Family members have a unique perspective, based on direct knowledge of operational practices within Long Term Care homes, and where and why these practices currently fail to meet standards of care. We know that our contribution to the important work of this Commission will assist in fulfilling our mutual goal of a sustainable model of care for our precious seniors.

Two or three representatives of the Advocacy team will make ourselves available for a presentation at your convenience.

Thank you for listening

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