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Ms. Selwyn Hicks  
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Dear Warden Hicks:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the expansion of Meaford Long-Term Care. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

Our Government for the People is moving forward with a long-term plan to modernize the public health care system and centre it on the needs of patients, families and caregivers. Our plan to create a sustainable and connected health care system starts with the people, including Ontario's seniors. We envision a health care system that allows seniors to enjoy the highest possible quality of life and when available, stay healthy at home, whether that's through home care services or retirement home communities.

For Ontario's seniors needing long-term care, our government is committed to ensuring a high quality of life and that a space is available for them when and where they need it. That's why our government committed to adding 15,000 long-term care beds in five years. The ministry to date allocated 7,232 beds. We are proud that in just 9 months, our government has fulfilled almost half of our commitment toward new long-term care spaces in Ontario over five years.

In addition, our government is committed to upgrading an additional 15,000 older long - term care beds to modern design standards, which will allow the long-term care sector to provide more appropriate care to those with complex health conditions.

Our ministry is currently working on plans to roll out the next wave of beds as part of the commitment of 15,000 new beds and will soon be in a position to engage with applicants on the application process, supporting materials and supports available.

The people, including Ontario's seniors, have and always will be our government's priority. We will create a health care system that works for them, finally centred on patients, families and caregivers.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

*Christine Elliott*

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Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care