



## ***Together, we can make a difference!***

We can improve the quality of life and care for the more than 77,000 nursing home residents, province-wide. This is what CUPE Ontario and the Health Care Workers' Coordinating Committee (HCWCC) believe.

Our 'Time to Care' campaign calls for making four hours of daily, hands-on care for residents the law. We hope to reach out to thousands of Ontarians who also believe, that they too can make a difference – and ask them to join our efforts by signing a simple petition.

The goal is to get 77,000 signatures on our petitions. That's one signature for each of the people who reside in a nursing home in Ontario. It's an ambitious goal, we know. But we need to show the Ontario government and all the members of our provincial parliament that many Ontarians support increased quality care for long-term care (LTC) residents.

### ***How will we get the petitions signed?***

*Anyone* can participate by hosting a petition-signing event at local fairs, festivals, shopping malls and other community functions. These events spread awareness of the 'Time to Care' campaign, and of course get petitions signed.

Copies of the petition can be downloaded at: <http://www.timetocareontario.ca>

**Please remember that since this petition is being submitted to the Ontario Legislative Assembly we require that ALL petitions be original copies signed and returned to: CUPE Ontario, Attention: Kerry Davenport, 80 Commerce Valley Drive East, Suite 1, Markham, ON, L3T 0B2.**

A flyer and other materials useful to hand out to people who sign the petition, but, who may also be interested in more information about our 'Time to Care' campaign can also be downloaded for printing.

### ***Please share with us your plans.***

Let us know when and where your petition signing event is taking place. Following the event, share your experiences with us. We want to document the work we're doing and learn from each other. Please send the information, including any photos you take to [HCWCC@cupe.on.ca](mailto:HCWCC@cupe.on.ca).



If you would like some assistance in planning a local petition signing event, please let us know at [HCWCC@cupe.on.ca](mailto:HCWCC@cupe.on.ca).

Thank you for taking the "Time to Care".

*Kelly O'Sullivan*

*Chair, CUPE Ontario Healthcare Workers' Coordinating Committee (HCWCC)*



# PETITION to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

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**Whereas** Quality care for the 77,000 residents of long-term care (LTC) homes is a priority for many Ontario families;

**Whereas** Over the last 10 years 50 per cent of Ontario’s hospital-based complex continuing care beds have been closed by the provincial government; and, there has been been a 29.7 % increase in the acuity level of LTC residents and 73 per cent of LTC residents in Ontario suffer from some form of Alzheimer’s or dementia;

**Whereas** The provincial government does not provide adequate funding to ensure care and staffing levels in long-term care homes keeps pace with residents’ increasing acuity and a growing number of residents with complex behaviours such as dementia and Alzheimer’s;

**Whereas** There is extensive evidence that a care standard can result in increased staff levels, which translates into improved quality of care for residents;

**Whereas** For over a decade several Ontario coroner’s inquests into nursing deaths have recommended an increase in direct hands-on care for residents and increase in staffing levels;

**Whereas** The Ontario Liberal government first promised a legislated care standard for residents in the province’s long-term care homes in 2003 but in 2013 they have yet to make good on their promise;

**Whereas** The Long-Term Care Homes Act (2007) empowers the provincial government to create a minimum standard – but falls short of actually creating one;

**Whereas** The most detailed and reputable study of minimum care standards recommends 4.1 hours of direct care per day; and,

**We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:**

1. An amendment must be made to the Long-Term Care Homes Act (2007) for a legislated care standard of a minimum 4 hours per resident each day adjusted for acuity level and case mix;
2. The Province must increase funding in order for long-term care homes to achieve a staffing and care standard and tie public funding for homes to the provision of quality care and staffing levels that meet the legislated minimum care standard of 4 hours;
3. To ensure accountability the province must make public reporting of staffing levels at each Ontario LTC home mandatory;
4. The province must immediately provide funding for specialized facilities for persons with cognitive impairment who have been assessed as potentially aggressive, and staff them with sufficient numbers of appropriately trained workers;
5. The province must stop closing complex continuing care beds and alternative level of care beds to end the downloading of hospital patients with complex medical conditions to long-term care homes.

**Name (Print)**

**Address with Postal Code**

**Signature**

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