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Dear CUPE Ontario Long-Term Care Worker:

We are writing to you today to thank you for your work in the Long Term Care system. You all provide a very valuable contribution as LTC workers to our health care system. As we move to National Nursing Home Week/Long Term Care week May 10 to 14, we hope you will take a moment to congratulate yourselves and your co-workers for the compassion and care you bring to Ontario's health care team.

CUPE Ontario is proud to support Long Term Care workers. We have long heard from our members the challenges they face in their workplaces with not enough hands to provide the important care residents in these facilities require.

Working with the Ontario Health Coalition and others, we will continue to call on the Provincial government to institute a standard for hours of hands on care that workers would be able to provide to seniors. We will not stop this work until minimum standard of care exists in Ontario – as it did for generations. Across Ontario, the LTC residents under your care and their families deserve nothing less.

Every day, you and your colleagues professionally and skillfully ensure the people under your care have the support they need and their families have come to depend on. Your skills and professionalism are matched only by the empathy, compassion and commitment to quality care that you bring to your clients every day.

Simply put, without front line workers, there would be no “care” in our Long Term Care system in Ontario. We look forward to working together with you to improve the quality of care by supporting front line workers who make sure care is there for seniors.

Once again, thank you for all of your great work, and Happy National Nursing Home/Long Term Care Week!

Sincerely,



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