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Dear _____ **Member of Provincial Parliament,**

Competitive bidding is unsuited for publicly funded home health care.

Since it was introduced, competitive bidding in home care has reduced the quality of care, ruined working conditions, caused high staff turnover, increased costs, and privatized the industry.

Such problems forced the provincial government to suspend competitive bidding in 2004 for over 3 years, province-wide. Almost immediately after it was re-introduced in late 2007, the provincial government was forced to suspend it again, province-wide.

The Liberal government is currently considering its next steps. Further 'tweaking' of competitive bidding will not solve these many problems.

Please ask Premier McGuinty and Health Minister Smitherman to ensure a real consultation process with the people of Ontario that will involve public hearings in towns and cities right across the province about building a public, not-for-profit home care system.

We Need a Real Public Consultation on Rebuilding Home Health Care!

Yours truly,

Member of CUPE Local: _____

Resident of _____