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Dear Stakeholders:

I am pleased to announce that on July 1, 2010, the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 (LTCHA) will be proclaimed into force.

This information is available in English on the e-Laws website where the LTCHA is posted at: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_07108_e.htm

This information is available in French on the e-Laws website where the LTCHA is posted in French at: http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/french/elaws_statutes_07108_f.htm

The date of proclamation of the LTCHA will also be published shortly in the Ontario Gazette.

The LTCHA is the cornerstone of the government's strategy to improve and strengthen care for residents in Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes. Once proclaimed into force, it would serve as the single legislative authority for safeguarding resident rights, improving quality of care and strengthening the accountability of LTC homes.

At the time of proclamation of the LTCHA, the current legislation governing LTC (the Nursing Homes Act, the Charitable Institutions Act and the Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act) would be repealed and the regulations there under would be revoked. The Long-Term Care Homes Program Manual would also cease to apply.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the valuable feedback submitted to the Ministry during the public consultation periods in May and September 2009 on parts 1 and 2 of the proposed initial draft regulations under the LTCHA. We have undertaken a comprehensive review of all recommendations received through this process. The feedback we received from groups, organizations and individuals was very thoughtful and informative and assisted us in our work to draft the final proposed regulation under the LTCHA.

We anticipate that the final regulation under the LTCHA will be published on the e-Laws website in the coming weeks. The Ministry will communicate directly with the LTC home sector at that time. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website will contain information about the regulation and the regulation will be posted on the Regulatory Registry and published in the Ontario Gazette.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

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