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Honourable Minister Rod Phillips
400 University Ave. 6th Floor
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December 14, 2021

RE: Elliott Community Application to Long-Term Care Home Development Proposal

Dear Minister Phillips,

I am writing to express my support along with other community partners for the Elliott Community's application for new long-term care beds funding. As a designated long-term care home for the City of Guelph and a not-for-profit charitable organization, Elliott Community has had an excellent reputation for quality care, including during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Currently, 699 individuals are on the waitlist for the Elliott Community's 85 beds. As such, the need for expansion is dire. The Elliott Community is planning to renovate their existing retirement home located adjacent to their LTC rooms over a two phase project in the coming years. The goal in Phase 1 is to add 11 additional beds by 2023, and an additional 18 beds would complement the renovation in Phase 2.

This project would not only address the need for improved long-term care in the city but would implement a cost efficient way to do so.

This pandemic has significantly overwhelmed our healthcare system and adding new beds to long-term care homes would help reduce the pressure from hospitals and local healthcare facilities.

We need to make sure we do our part in supporting Ontario's not-for-profit homes and address the long-term care crisis in the province. As such, I am pleased to lend my support for Elliott Community and look forward to better serving our elders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Schreiner".

Mike Schreiner,
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