

Dear Premier,

I am writing today to draw your attention to the crisis of seniors care in the province and across Canada as a result of political inaction and to fix seniors care now.

With an aging population, it is time for Manitoba to take concrete steps to ensure our seniors have access to the care they need, when they need it regardless of what is in their bank account.

For far too long, employees at seniors' facilities are stretched thin and as you are aware, have inadequate access to personal protective equipment and chronic understaffing is jeopardizing the quality of care for both our loved ones and staff. We are calling on you to legislate staff to resident ratios and provide immediate access to PPE to ensure quality care and safety.

Additionally, we implore you to follow decades of research and devastating examples coming from Ontario and Alberta privatization is not the answer in seniors care. It is time to ensure every dollar is spent on care and not profit, and put people before profit.

It is understood the provinces need assistance in ensuring comprehensive and universal seniors care and therefore, we are calling on you to support establishing a National Seniors Strategy. Through parallel legislation we have the opportunity to lay out national standards, including funding to ensure ALL seniors have access to the care they need and deserve.

Our seniors helped build this province, it is time we took care of them.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,