# Nursing Homes Should Be A Safe Place To Live.

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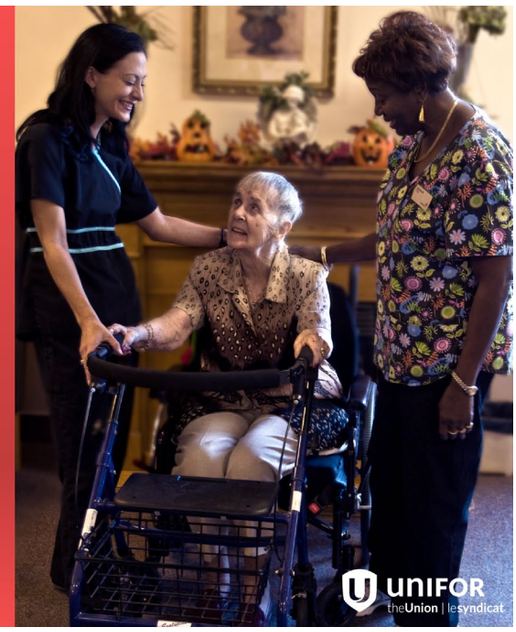


## Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

**Whereas** Nursing homes should be a safe place to live and provide quality care for the 77,000 residents of long-term care (LTC) homes is a priority for many Ontario families;
**Whereas** In Ontario today the ratios of staff to residents is simply too high to provide safe care with dignity, and a recent study of minimum care standards recommends 4.1 hours of direct care per day;
**Whereas** MPP's voted unanimously in favour of Bill 33, Time To Care Act, second reading on November 2, 2017, which would provide the needed four hours of care for nursing home residents;
**Whereas** Ontario is experiencing a critical shortage of Personal Support Workers (PSW's) exacerbated by the impossible work expectations as well as less people are entering this profession, and more are leaving;
**Whereas** The provincial government does not provide adequate funding to ensure care and safe staffing levels in long-term care homes keeps pace with resident's increasing acuity;
**Whereas** Front line care-givers experience verbal, sexual and physical violence regularly yet these same workers have received wage increases well behind the rate of inflation; and,
**We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:**

1. An amendment must be made to the Long-Term Care Homes Act (2007) for a legislated care standard of a minimum 4 hours per resident each day adjusted for acuity level and case mix;
2. The Province must increase funding in order for long-term care homes to achieve a staffing and care standard and tie public funding for homes to the provision of quality care and staffing levels that meet the legislated minimum care standard of 4 hours;
3. Ontario must invest more in long-term care homes provided by municipalities and charitable organizations versus for-profit corporations which would allow for dollars to go to care not shareholders; and
4. To ensure accountability and proper reporting, the province should make public reporting on staffing levels at each Ontario LTC home mandatory.

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