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Dear Hon. Christine Elliott (Ontario Minister of Health) christine.elliott@ontario.ca

Dear Hon. Merrilee Fullerton (Ontario Minister of Long-Term Care) merrilee.fullerton@ontario.ca

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name and email address of local MPP)

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(job title) at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of the healthcare facility).

I am writing today to express my concern regarding the shortage of qualified PSWs. We heard that the government is providing free tuition and paid placements to community colleges and although we applaud this initiative, these advantages do not extend to school board PSW program students. As a result, there will be reduced enrolment at board programs and they may be forced to close. This decision is flawed as it will reduce the number of qualified PSWs and not increase them. We are in the middle of an international health crisis and are desperate for trained, skilled PSWs.

For years we have hired graduated PSWs from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(name of school and the location). Their graduates are very well trained, knowledgeable and highly skilled, providing safe and competent care to the residents, clients and patients we support. We have developed a good relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (school board) through support of clinical and consolidation placements, and when we are hiring staff, we know we will get the caring and committed staff that we need.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of healthcare facility), we implore the government to offer the same benefits, (free materials and paid placements) to school board PSW programs as those provided to college students.

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (email address) if you require more information.

Sincerely,

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