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Premier
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RE: Throne Speech – November 22, 2011

Dear Premier McGuinty,

As a group of organizations concerned with the quality of care for seniors in Ontario, we have come together to ask that you commit to immediate action on the following platform commitments outlined in “Forward. Together. The Ontario Liberal Plan 2011-2015”:

- ✓ Redesign the primary care and home care system to provide every senior with access to health professionals offering services like house calls and check-in by telephone and online.
- ✓ Investments that will provide up to three million hours of additional Personal Support Worker care for seniors living in the community.
- ✓ Provide a Health Care Coordinator to facilitate care between specialists, family doctors, hospitals and the community for seniors hospitalized within the previous 12 months.
- ✓ Create a new Family Caregiver Leave, giving Ontarians up to eight weeks of job-protected time to help a family member who cannot care for themselves because of serious injury or illness.
- ✓ Refocus a portion of the province’s research investments to support the prevention, treatment and possible cure of conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.
- ✓ Develop an Active Aging Strategy.
- ✓ Create a Healthy Home renovation tax credit worth up to \$1,500 annually.

As you prepare for the upcoming Speech from the Throne, we urge you to make seniors, people with chronic conditions and caregivers a priority.

Thank you.

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