



Ontario Association of Architects

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The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, MPP
Ministry of Long-Term Care
6th Floor
400 University Ave.
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

[sent via email]

Dear Minister,

As the regulator of the province's architecture profession, the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) has stood ready to help the government and Ontarians as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Our members have rapidly mobilized to support the health-care system, and have continued planning, designing, and helping to construct Ontario so our economy remains resilient.

Not surprisingly, the design of long-term care facilities has been a prominent discussion among our members and the broader architectural community. It is clear that changes must be made. While there are many factors contributing to this crisis, facility design should also be considered throughout the course of the review.

Just as our members have risen to the challenge of responding to COVID-19, the architectural profession has a sincere interest in contributing to the independent commission, whether as a member or as a resource.

As the details of the commission are finalized over the next several months, please keep our offer in mind.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kurtin', written in a cursive style.

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President

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier

