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Kathleen Kurtin  
President  
Ontario Association of Architects  
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Dear Kathleen Kurtin:

Thank you for your letter recommending and offering support for Building Code changes that would help to enhance infection control and other safety measures in congregate built spaces. I appreciate hearing your perspective about the design of long-term care facilities.

From your letter of November 18, 2020, I know that you are aware that Ontario has signed the Reconciliation Agreement on Construction Codes under the Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Because of the commitments outlined in that agreement, Ontario's Building Code and the Ontario Fire Code will be further harmonizing with the model National Construction Codes. While Ontario will be able to have some influence on what is included in the National Construction Codes, increasingly, the National Codes will need to change first and then those changes will be considered for inclusion in Ontario's codes.

If the OAA has Code change proposals that it would like Ontario to support at the national level to amend the National Construction Codes, I suggest that you contact Mansoor Mahmood, at the Building and Development Branch, here at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He can be reached at [mansoor.mahmood@ontario.ca](mailto:mansoor.mahmood@ontario.ca).

You can also contact my Senior Policy Advisor for Municipal Affairs, Stephanie DiNucci. Stephanie is available and can be reached at [Stephanie.DiNucci@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephanie.DiNucci@ontario.ca).

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns and suggestions to our attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Clark'.

Steve Clark  
Minister

c. The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care