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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Improving the Long-Term Care Outbreak Response in Ontario –

Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Final

Submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

Date: February 16, 2021

To: Public Health & Social Services Committee

From: Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services

In September 2020, the provincial government launched the "Long-Term Care Commission" to investigate how and why COVID-19 spread in long-term care homes (LTC), what was done to prevent the spread and the impact of key elements of the existing system on that spread. Since the Commission was launched, AMO has provided the Commission with perspectives from the municipally operated LTC homes, with an interim report with recommendations submitted a the end of October 2020, and meeting with the Commission on October 26, 2020. The attached document (Appendix 1) represents AMO's financial set of recommendations to the Commission for their consideration.

This report contains a list of 49 recommendations to the Commission on behalf of the municipal governments that operate 100 (16%) of the 626 long-term care homes in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Commissioner