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Subject: Seniors Advocate for Ontario

Hon. Doug Ford

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Dear Premier Ford,

Ontario needs a Seniors' Advocate independent of government.

CFUW Ontario Council is a provincial organization with 48 clubs across Ontario and 4,500 members. CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) is a voluntary, self-funded, non-profit, non-partisan women's organization whose members seek to provide life-long learning, to improve public policy and to advocate for gender equality and for the rights of women and girls.

An independent Seniors' Advocate will assemble data needed by the government to implement policies and legislation to facilitate aging in place programs as prioritized by an overwhelming majority of seniors, as well as to establish more supportive housing or placements for those who require it.

Independent Seniors' Advocate positions created by governments across Canada, for example in British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador, are effective in identifying systemic reforms to improve living conditions for seniors.

CFUW Ontario Council urges the Government of Ontario to establish and fund a Seniors' Advocate who is an independent officer of the legislature, with a primary focus on the aging in place experience, with the following mandate:

- **to solicit and receive input from the public on matters of concern to seniors**
- **to collect relevant data and monitor impact of provincial policy and legislation**
- **to make recommendations prioritizing a diversity perspective to help the people of Ontario age in place**

CFUW Ontario Council urges you to support our aging population by creating an Independent Seniors' Advocate. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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