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Hon. Deb Matthews,
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Minister Matthews:

As you are aware, I wrote to you in April to express my strong opposition to your plan to implement changes to Ontario's physiotherapy funding and services.

These changes, I believe, will see a reduction in service for Ontario seniors and have serious consequences on their long-term health. Beyond the impact on the health and well-being of seniors in my riding, your plan will inevitably add costs to the health-care system resulting from increased falls and other consequences of reduced physio treatment.

With the August 1 implementation date less than a week away, I'm requesting once again that you reconsider this ill-conceived policy.

At the very least, on behalf of the many seniors who have contacted my office with questions and concerns about this looming cut to the physiotherapy services they depend on, I would ask you to delay the implementation.

Along with seniors, physiotherapists and long-term care providers from across my riding, I was shocked when you announced such a significant shift in policy without any consultation.

Again, I'm appealing to you to delay the August 1 implementation in order that a full review of the impact of these changes can be assessed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your favourable response at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark, MPP,
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