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NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 194 OF THE *FIXING LONG-TERM CARE ACT, 2021*

The Ministry of Long-Term Care (ministry) has a plan to fix long-term care (LTC) so that every resident experiences the best possible quality of life, supported by safe, high-quality care.

The foundation of this plan is built on the following four pillars:

1. Improving staffing and care,
2. Driving quality through better accountability, enforcement, and transparency,
3. Building modern, safe, comfortable LTC homes, and
4. Connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

As part of this commitment, the ministry is proposing an initial regulation under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* (Act) related to the placement and admission of applicants to an LTC home or unit or area within the LTC home that is primarily engaged in serving the interests of persons of a particular religion, ethnic origin or linguistic origin.

A description of the proposed regulation and the text of it is enclosed.

Subsections 194(1) to (5) of the Act set out requirements for public consultation before the Lieutenant Governor in Council can make an initial regulation under the Act. The time period for public consultation must be at least 30-days unless the Minister shortens the time period because in the Minister's opinion,

- (a) the urgency of the situation requires it;
- (b) the proposed regulation clarifies the intent or operation of this Act or the regulations; or
- (c) the proposed regulation is of a minor or technical nature (ss. 194(3)-(4)).

In accordance with s. 194(4)(a) of the Act, the time-period for public consultation on this initial regulation will be shortened to 20 days. Based on my opinion, a shorter consultation period is necessary given the urgency of the situation.

There are currently over 6,000 applicants in the category 1 (crisis waitlist) for admission to an LTC home. The ministry is proposing a pilot, which these initial regulations will enable, to prioritize the ranking of applicants within the crisis waiting list who are seeking admission to an LTC home that primarily serves the interests of the applicant's particular religion, ethnic origin or linguistic origin.

Given that the majority of admissions are from the "crisis" waiting list in comparison to other waiting lists, this pilot is necessary to better support culturally appropriate placements of LTC applicants in the crisis waiting list to LTC homes that are engaged in serving the applicants' particular religious, ethnic, and/or linguistic origin. The pilot project will start with a subset of LTC homes, but could extend to other LTC homes based on the results of the pilot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalia Kusendova". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
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