

**Sample letter that you may use when writing to government representatives
whose contact information is listed below**

(Please feel free to modify this letter to reflect your personal situation.)

Dear _____

I am outraged that unvaccinated healthcare workers are allowed to care for the elderly and vulnerable who you promised to protect.

My family member lives in a long-term care home which is now in COVID-19 outbreak. I am terrified that they will contract COVID-19. Residents of long-term care homes should not be forced to live in fear while not allowed to leave their rooms because of infection control policies.

The *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, Residents' Bill of Rights states that "Every resident has the right to live in a safe and clean environment." A safe environment is one which should not include preventable risks. Surely you will agree that being cared for by an unvaccinated healthcare worker is extremely risky. It must be stopped. My family member has the right to be cared for by someone who is fully vaccinated.

The Ontario government's Immunization Policies for Long-term Care Homes, which have been in effect for two months, have not resulted in their intended achievement of full vaccination of long-term care home staff. Unvaccinated staff continues to work in long-term care homes putting residents, other staff, and their families at risk of contracting COVID-19. It is time to make unvaccinated healthcare workers do their part to protect themselves and others.

It is not about personal freedom or constitutional rights. It is about doing what is right as a member of society and as a healthcare worker. Nobody should have the freedom to put another person's health in jeopardy. Until all who can be vaccinated *are* vaccinated, everyone's health and safety are compromised. Vaccines are readily available in Ontario. No more excuses. It is time to protect all long-term care home residents and staff.

I urge you to make COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for all health care workers, especially those working in long-term care homes. Failing to do so will result in the continued spread of COVID-19 and endanger the lives of people living in long-term care homes as well as patients in our healthcare system.

Premier Ford promised to put an iron ring around our seniors and other vulnerable populations. The implementation of his promise requires mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of all healthcare workers.

Yours truly,

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