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Statement from Downsview Long Term Care Centre to CTV

James Balcom, Chief Operating Officer of GEM Health Care Group, which owns Downsview Long Term Care Centre, issued the following statement in response to questions from CTV:

“It is inaccurate for anyone to state that the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care is providing new beds for facilities under our ownership in Ontario. GEM Health Care Group does appreciate the investment by the Government of Ontario for the replacement of existing beds, reflecting that much of the infrastructure we own in Ontario is of an age that requires modernization.

“We have acted on any and all findings of the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care to improve the delivery of care for our residents.

“COVID-19 created a crisis without precedent for long-term care in Ontario. While the Ontario government ignored our pleas for emergency help in the spring of 2020, we are pleased with the level of increased attention and focus it has now provided to long-term care, including at residences in Ontario owned and operated by GEM Health Care Group.”

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