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Fellow nurses,

I am pleased to offer my sincerest congratulations to the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) on the 25th anniversary of your Best Practice Guideline (BPG) Program. This is an outstanding achievement that recognizes the hard work and dedication of Ontario's nurses and their endless contributions to our province's long-term care sector.

For 25 years, the RNAO has cemented the importance of evidence-based nursing practice through the BPG Program. The BPG program and its Best Practice Spotlight Organization[®] (BPSO[®]) program have been key to improving health outcomes, and I have seen firsthand how this initiative has had a positive impact on the long-term care sector. It has enhanced the delivery of care, complementing our government's bold and innovative efforts to ensure that more people receive the right care, at the right time, and in the right setting.

As a registered nurse and the Minister of Long-Term Care, I have had the privilege to lead a ministry dedicated to ensuring seniors receive the dignity and quality of care they deserve.

Your work developing more than 50 key guidelines and establishing Best Practice Spotlight Organizations across the province set a new benchmark for care in Ontario, positioning our province as a global leader in the provision of evidence-based health care. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the RNAO's commitment to evidence-based nursing in long-term care specifically through the development of clinical pathways.

We have and will continue to work with the RNAO to implement priority evidence-based clinical pathways which are also aligned with relevant BPGs.

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario's commitment to evidence-based nursing in long-term care homes is crucial to ensuring Ontarians receive the care they need. Nurses play a pivotal role in Ontario's long-term care sector and work tirelessly to ensure residents in homes across our province receive the best possible care. We look forward to continuing to work with your organization to drive better health outcomes.

Once again, congratulations on this impressive achievement.

Sincerely,

Natalia Kusendova-Bashta
Minister of Long-Term Care