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LIVE-IN CAREGIVER- A HOUSING CONTINUUM OPTION

WHEREAS 23,000 registered Senior Liberals identified the need for a CONTINUUM of affordable housing options for seniors, from expanded homecare services; to dementia care facilities; including the need for better trained staff.

WHEREAS 83% of seniors surveyed prefer to remain home with assistance; and 91% prefer to live independently as long as possible.

WHEREAS the Canadian Medical Association forecasts by 2026, 2.4 million Canadians will need some continuing care; a 71% increase from 2011; signaling a looming crisis for the healthcare system.

WHEREAS prevention and chronic care interventions, integral to healthcare of an aging population, are cost-effectively delivered in the home.

WHEREAS upwards of 20 % of acute care beds are occupied by seniors awaiting transfer to alternative facilities where they could receive more appropriate and less-costly care.

WHEREAS for decades, the offshore recruitment of Live-In Caregivers met a workforce shortage until 2014 the program moved to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program resulting in policies that impede the timely response necessary for senior and disabled care.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party urge the government to administer the Senior and Disabled component of the Live-In Caregiver Program from the Department of Health as an option in the continuum of home care that will ultimately be a cost-effective solution that also honours client preference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party urge the government to expedite the processing, placement, and contracts for offshore Live-in Caregivers in a timely fashion to meet urgent client needs by streamlining Labour Market Information Assessments and enabling direct contractual relationships between Client and Caregiver.

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Reference: [SLC Policy Paper "Live In Caregiver – A Housing Continuum Option"](#) (Oct 2017)