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QUALITY CARE ACROSS THE AGING CONTINUUM

WHEREAS seniors need to be made aware of services available that can support aging in place from social, emotional, safety and security perspectives; and,

WHEREAS providing quality care means creating an environment for seniors where life is worth living; and,

WHEREAS seniors care needs can change negatively in a short time and many seniors' care facilities have limits on the levels of care that they provide result in families being told, on short notice, that their senior-in-care must find new accommodation; and

WHEREAS a shift from institutional models of care to patient-directed care improves the well-being for all care partners and enables those in residential care to participate fully in their environment; and,

WHEREAS accrediting organizations provide tools for ongoing quality improvement in seniors' care and home care organizations and identifies initiatives, such as Care By Design, as a Leading Practice that reduces transfers from continuing care facilities to emergency departments; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal government mandate and invest in a standardized data system for long-term care homes to measure quality of care and well-being of residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Liberal Party of Canada urge the Government of Canada to provide funding assistance for community and quality staff and home care services for seniors who need assistance to remain in their homes.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that care facilities are staffed with appropriate numbers of adequately trained full time service providers so as to render quality care for all residents.

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Reference: [SLC Policy Paper "Affordable Housing Options for Seniors"](#) (October 2017)