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OPEN LETTER ON THE CRISIS IN LONG-TERM CARE

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH,
IMMEDIATE MEASURABLE
ACTION IS REQUIRED TO
SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR
VULNERABLE SENIORS
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

PAUL RIVETT & JORDAN BITOVE

The neglect, underfunding and overcrowding of Ontario's long-term-care facilities under the watch of numerous governments over many decades has been tragic.

Sadly, the situation has only worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic, which struck residents living in these facilities the hardest, resulting in thousands of needless deaths.

We are asking that you take a

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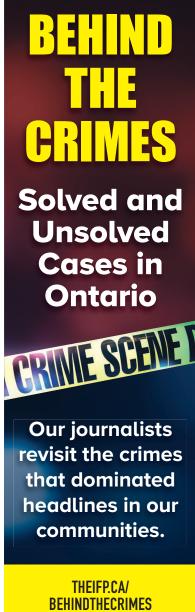


Graham Paine/Metroland

Local mental health and addictions advocate Betty-Lou Kristy lost her son Pete to an accidental opioid overdose.

A GROWING CRISIS

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