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Dear Editor:

Re: Ontario can lead on home care (April 18, 2007)

Thank you for your article highlighting the importance of home care to Ontarians. The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) representing providers of home care services from across Ontario, believes that a strong, reliable and accessible home care system can support Ontarians to age at home.

The health system transformation in Ontario will shift the balance of care to the home where most individuals would prefer to be. OHCA members have the skill, knowledge and ability to provide comprehensive care at home; and to support caregivers who compassionately and tirelessly support their loved ones.

The OHCA applauds the efforts to date to improve the availability of home care in Ontario; and we know there is much yet to be done. We support the McGuinty government in taking up the home care challenge and will continue to lend our expertise.

Sincerely,



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