

BILL WALKER, MPP

BRUCE - GREY - OWEN SOUND



PETITION: To Keep Grey Gables Open in Markdale

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

WHEREAS Grey Gables is a newer, class-A nursing home facility with 66-bed long-term care beds; and

WHEREAS the closure of Grey Gables would displace current residents and cause undue hardship on them, their family and friends; and

WHEREAS there is a growing need for more, not fewer long-term care beds with the growing seniors population in Markdale and area; and

WHEREAS Ontario already has 32,000 seniors on a wait list for a long-term care bed and the waitlist will jump to 50,000 seniors by 2021; and

WHEREAS waiting times are critical to the wellbeing of our seniors citizens who are entering long-term care homes older, frailer, and in need of more medical and personal care than ever before; and

WHEREAS constituents in Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound oppose the sale of Grey Gables; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has stated that he would not close any facility without the expressed support of its residents and the community; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care has pledged: "I will not allow any home to move beds without my explicit written permission...It is not my intention, nor will it be, for long-term-care beds to leave any community";

Therefore we, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly as follows: That the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reject any proposal to close Grey Gables and move long-term care beds out of the Markdale community.

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

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