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Subject: Make caregivers a priority in this election

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a voter in the riding of (RIDING NAME – LOOK IT UP BELOW) to make caregivers a priority in the upcoming Ontario provincial election to be held on June 2, 2022.

Tuesday, April 5 is Family Caregiver Day. Family caregivers play a critical role in the health care system filling the gaps to ensure the people they love receive the care they need. The pressures on caregivers have always been demanding, but the COVID-19 pandemic made these challenges even harder.

To that end, the [Ontario Caregiver Coalition](http://www.ontariocaregivercoalition.ca/familycaregiverday2022) is calling on all parties to make caregivers a priority in this election, by:

* Recognizing the role of caregivers as part of the care team and including them in decisions about the future of our health care system
* Providing financial support to caregivers
* Making it easier for caregivers to access home and community care supports, including self-directed care programs

(Tell your story about being a caregiver and why some or any of these asks would help you or your family)

Currently, 3.3 million or 29% of Ontarians are unpaid family caregivers – with nearly 850,000 caregivers providing more than 10 hours of care per week. All parties need to have a plan to support those currently caring for a loved one that is sustainable to support those who will be caring for a loved one sooner than they think.

Best regards,

(YOUR NAME)

(YOUR POSTAL CODE)

(CONTACT INFORMATION, IF YOU’D LIKE TO SHARE)

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**To find your riding, go to:** https://voterinformationservice.elections.on.ca/en/election/search

**To find your local candidate and their contact information, go to:**

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