

November 4, 2013

**Hon. Deb Matthews
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4**

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Many seniors do not have dental health insurance and those who are poor rely on public health clinics for dental care. It has been brought to our attention lately that many seniors in Ontario wait several years to get dental care from public health clinics. Often adults can only benefit from these services on a discretionary basis. Lack of access to preventive and remedial dental health care causes further deterioration of oral health. This could lead to pain, loss of teeth, and perhaps blood poisoning and death.

We urge the Government of Ontario to initiate a dental program so that seniors who cannot afford private dental care, as well as other low income persons, may receive timely preventive and remedial dental care.

Sincerely,
Mary Potter, President PCWO