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PRESCRIPTION FOR ONTARIO'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

PATIENT: Future Patient

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Dear Future Patient,

I hope that when you read this, your experience with Ontario's healthcare system is very different from the one I am about to describe.

Imagine a man named David. He is 58 years old, a husband, a father, and a grandfather. One evening, he arrives at a busy Ontario emergency department with chest pain. He is sweating, short of breath, and frightened. The waiting room is full. Nurses are moving as quickly as they can, but there is simply not enough of them, nor enough beds.

David waits.

The nurses see him, worry about him, and want to help him sooner, yet they are caring for more patients than ever before. Hours pass. Before David can be reassessed, he suffers a massive heart attack in the waiting room.

My hope for the future is simple: when a patient like David arrives seeking help, there will be enough nurses, personal support workers, and healthcare professionals available to provide timely care. No one should have fear that help will come too late.

David's story may be fictional, but the need for change is real. Together, with the advocacy of SEIU Healthcare and the dedication of frontline workers, we can create a healthcare system where patients receive the care they need when they need it most, and where

healthcare workers are supported, respected, and empowered to stay. That is the future I hope awaits you.

Brigitte Barber

PRESCRIBED:

- Safe staffing levels
- Better wages
- Improved working conditions
- Stronger retention
- A healthier Ontario.

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Every day

PRESCRIBED BY:

Someone who believes in a better future for Ontario healthcare

SIGNATURE:

