



Letter to the Editor National Post
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RE: Public money 'shouldn't pad profits': Ontario NDP signals shift away from private-sector delivery of services By Tom Blackwell May 31, 2018 7:14 PM EDT
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Home Care Ontario, 'The Voice of Home Care in Ontario™' represents both for-profit and not-for-profit home care providers. These organizations work together collaboratively to provide care for thousands of Ontarians each day.

There is a dire need for greater home care investments in Ontario. For years home care has accounted for only 5% of the total health care budget, despite increased demand for these services.

We applaud the NDP for recognizing this need and committing more funding for front-line home care. However, publicly funded home care is delivered effectively and efficiently by both not-for-profit and for-profit providers. Attempting to change the system to benefit one type of provider over another simply because of tax status is regressive thinking that risks service disruptions and will directly impact patient care.

Home Care Ontario encourages all parties to work with front-line providers to deliver the best patient care, in the most efficient way possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan D. VanderBent".

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