

Dear Dr. [insert name]

**In honour of Physicians' Appreciation Day, May 1st, 2020**

I would like to take this opportunity to shine a light on the work you do every day. The light symbolizes “finding a way in the dark” – and that is what you as one of Ontario’s doctors have been doing for months while putting themselves at risk. Medical school did not prepare you to how to practice in a pandemic, yet a year on you continue to show up to provide safe healthcare in our community, long term care settings and local emergency departments just as you have done each and everyday before.

In our fight against this virus, you are part of our solution and it is reassuring to know you are and will continue to be here for our community. Its critically important to make sure you are also taking some time to care for yourself and your families right now.

Few people have as a close a view of us as you do as one of our local physicians. You are with us for the most stressful parts of our lives, and for some of the most joyful. We grow up with you, we share our fears and questions with you, and you help us to grow old, with dignity.

On behalf of the [insert name of town/municipality], and the residents we serve we say thank you for all your continued hard work and dedication.

Stay safe,