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Dear Mayor:

As in every other community in Ontario, Seniors are the fastest growing segment of your constituency. And this growth is not in Ontario alone. The trend to older populations is a worldwide phenomenon.

With the rise in numbers, we are also seeing a rise in cases of **Elder Abuse**.

As you know, Elder Abuse takes a number of forms, ranging from financial exploitation and neglect to psychological and even physical harm.

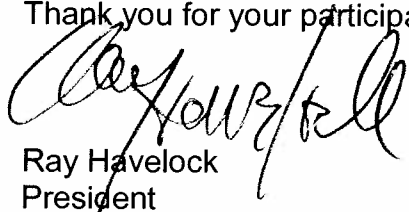
Like other forms of abuse, Elder Abuse is abetted by silence. A community that is unaware of the causes and the nature of Elder Abuse and is not exploring possible means of prevention and redress is putting its Seniors at risk.

Community awareness is a critical first step to ending Elder Abuse.

For the past five years, Toronto Residents In Partnership has taken up challenge to have municipalities across the Province recognize the signs and consequences of Elder Abuse. At TRIP's invitation, the City of Toronto was the first city in the world to proclaim an Elder Awareness Month in June 2002. The numbers today continue to grow. We are requesting that you again declare June Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

Toronto Residents In Partnership is a not-for-profit organization whose members are dedicated to the promotion of racial, ethnic, religious and communal understanding, co-operation and harmony. We would be happy to offer our support and our assistance in publicizing your community's participation in this initiative.

Thank you for your participation.



Ray Havelock
President