

Only weeks ago, Health Minister Sylvia Jones claimed that Ontario's health-care system is doing fine. The facts tell a different story. Hospital ERs are closing and patient wait times are ballooning, mainly because of a devastating nursing shortage made worse by the Ford government.

Confronted by the truth, the Health Minister shifted the blame to vulnerable seniors in hospital beds. Now she's pitching for-profit health care as the government's solution. Unbelievable.

Private health care will pull resources away from the public system. Money that could be used to increase staffing and benefit patients instead disappears in the form of profits. For-profit care undermines the fundamental Canadian value of equal access to quality health care. The size of someone's paycheque should never be a factor in their access to care.

For years, the status quo in this province has been deliberate government underfunding and understaffing. Ontario deserves a government that proves it truly cares about patients, one that invests in nurses and health-care professionals to rebuild public health care for everyone.

