1 Appendix 1 (as submitted by the authors): Search Strategy for Comparative Case Study 2 3 The search strategy followed conventional review methods for searching the gray literature. This 4 includes five categories: a) gray literature databases, b) snowballing from available gray literature, c) 5 customized Google search strategy for news, d) targeted websites, and e) consultation with relevant 6 experts. 7 8 Gray Literature Databases 9 BC Gov News 10 Ontario Newsroom 11 (Feb 23 – June 5) 12 Search terms: "long-term care", "care homes", "residential care homes", "residential care facilities", 13 "nursing homes" 14 15 Google Search Strategy for News 16 (Feb 23 – June 5) 17 Search terms: ("[News Outlet Name]" AND "long-term care" AND "COVID" AND "[Ontario 18 OR BC]") CBC 19 20 CTV News 21 • Globe and Mail 22 • Maclean's 23 Toronto Star 24 • Vancouver Sun 25 National Observer 26 National Post 27 28 Targeted Websites 29 • Policy Options (Institute for Research on Public Policy) National Institute on Ageing 30 31 LTCcovid 32 • Ontario Nurses Association 33 • Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians 34 • Ontario Ombudsman 35 • Ontario Caregiver Association 36 • Family Caregivers of BC 37 Carers Canada 38 • BC Fraser Health 39 • BC Interior Health 40 BC Island Health 41 • BC Northern Health 42 • BC Vancouver Coastal Health 43 Canadian Association of Retired Persons

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Canadian Geriatrics Society

- BC Care Providers
- Ontario Long-Term Care Association
- BC Seniors Advocate
- Ontario Health Coalition
- Auditor General of British Columbia
- North American Observatory on Health Systems and Policies