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**Videos of Bill 175 Hearings in which Ford government MPPs tried to stifle presenters who were not in favour of the Bill:
OHC Facebook has been limited for posting the critique of these MPPs' behaviour**

See the link to the videos below for the terrible behaviour of Ford government MPPs during the Bill 175 hearings.

- In the first video, from the morning session, [skip to 48:37 \(on the timer\)](#) to see Ford government MPP Christina Maria Mitas try to force presenters at what was supposed to be a public hearing into Bill 175 to answer "yes" or "no" to trick questions, cutting them off, changing and then falsely restating what they said etc.

CUPE's Doug Allan and Jane Meadus of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly did really well despite all of this. Francesca Grosso, who was the other presenter from a group that calls itself "Patients Canada" is a lawyer and lobbyist who has worked in the Harris government and as staff for Harris/Eves era Health Minister Tony Clement. Currently, Ms. Grosso can be found on the Ontario lobbyist registry listed as a registered lobbyist for a number of home care companies including for-profit chain Bayshore Health Inc. in 2020 (See Ontario's lobbyist registry [here](#).) In 2018 she was listed by Queen's Park Briefing (QP Briefing) [here](#) as a lobbyist for Canadian Healthcare Management Information Services. In 2013 Ms. Grosso was listed as a lobbyist for St. Elizabeth Health Care (a home care chain) (see pp 16 [here](#)). She is co-author of a book with Michael Decter who also sits as an Advisor for "Patients Canada" and has been involved at top levels of government was Chair of the Board of St. Elizabeth Health Care (a home care chain corporation). Ms. Grosso also worked as a volunteer advisor for Christine Elliott (Ford's Health Minister's) leadership campaign (see [here](#)).

- The second video below is from the afternoon session in which OHC Executive Director Natalie Mehra presented. The Conservative MPP used up the question and answer times to make a long statement and then tried to force another presenter to answer a "yes" or "no" question in what was supposed to be a public hearing, then made factually inaccurate claims in her final time to speak and cut off any further time so that Ms. Mehra could not answer and correct the record.

We issued a press release [here](#) criticizing this behaviour which is the worst we have seen from MPPs in a public hearing. We also wrote a letter to the members of the Standing Committee and to the Chairperson. We have not received any response. However, someone has made a complaint about us posting the press release on Facebook, despite the fact that it is true, does not violate any FB policies, and on

video, and has been carried by the Newswire and mainstream media. Since then, whoever is doing this is continually having Facebook shut down our ability to post anything that will go out on our newsfeed. Currently there is no way to appeal and have this overturned (which is what we usually do when people misuse the Facebook complaint system for political purposes to stifle sharing of information that they want to suppress and we always win the appeal) because during COVID-19 Facebook has no appeal process. Please go to our FB page to see our posts while we try to find some way to reach Facebook and get the limits on our account overturned.

Please note:

The legislation Bill 175 guts the Home and Community Services Act and moves all of its major provisions to regulations. Thus, to ask "Yes or no, does Bill 175 say we are privatizing home care" is a trick question. All of the provisions are in the proposed regulations, not the legislation, by design. That does not mean that the government is not privatizing. It means that they are doing it by regulations that are passed and changed in secret Cabinet meetings, not voted on by the Legislature. But it is indeed happening. (In addition, there is an actual clause in the legislation that would enable for-profit hospitals to expand.)

The regulations under the Bill were posted during the epidemic and most groups received no notice that they were posted. The consultation period was during the epidemic/pandemic as COVID-19 was spreading through long-term care homes and hospitals.

Here are the two videos:

- 1) [Behaviour of Government MPPs in Bill 175 Hearings Unprecedented and Unacceptable](#)
- 2) [OHC Executive Director Natalie Mehra Speaks to Standing Committee About Bill 175, New Home Care Act](#)