## **Fund Public Transit Now!**

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic and financial challenges brought by Bill 23 have left public transit agencies in Ontario in desperate need of funding and support. **WHEREAS** new polling from EKOS finds that 82 percent of Ontarians want the province to provide more public transit funding.

**WHEREAS** many of our neighbours rely on transit to get where they need to go and cannot afford longer wait times or higher fares, but the Ontario Government Ontario has not made the necessary investments to address the ongoing fiscal challenges facing local transit agencies.

## We the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to:

- Immediately invest \$750M in transit operations,
- Return to 50-50 cost sharing with municipalities that sees Ontario pay 50% of municipalities net operational costs,
- Give public transit agencies the support needed to stop the transit death spiral of less service and higher fares.



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