

PROTECT GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Ontarian's are facing skyrocketing unemployment, a rising cost of living, and a healthcare system in crisis;

WHEREAS Freedom of Information (FOI) requests are a critical tool that allow the public, journalists, advocates, and legislators to hold the government accountable;

WHEREAS information uncovered through FOI requests has played a critical role in uncovering major issues of the public interest, including those related to the Greenbelt, Ontario Place, and the Skills Development Fund;

WHEREAS transparency and accountability are essential to a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes to Ontario's FOI system would significantly weaken transparency and reduce the public's ability to understand and scrutinize government decision-making;

THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to protect government accountability and transparency in Ontario by abandoning any plans to exempt the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their offices from Freedom of Information requests.



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