

# Protect Democratic Rights

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## *To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:*

WHEREAS Ontario has seen increasing government interference in elections, local councils, school boards, and judicial appointments by Ford’s Conservatives; and

WHEREAS the notwithstanding clause has been repeatedly used by Ford’s Conservatives to override Ontarians’ Charter rights; and

WHEREAS barriers to voting and declining civic participation are weakening democratic engagement; and

WHEREAS Ontario lacks an independent officer dedicated to monitoring and protecting democratic rights.

## *Therefore we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly as follows:*

Establish a Commissioner for Democratic Rights as an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to oversee democratic processes, review government actions, protect voting rights, and strengthen democratic participation in Ontario.

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