

# PASS THE SAFE NIGHT OUT ACT

## TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

**WHEREAS** we are experiencing a sexual violence epidemic, with Statistics Canada reporting in 2021 that sexual assault was at its highest level in 25 years and community support organizations reporting more crisis calls than ever;

**WHEREAS** 65% of women report experiencing unwanted sexual advances while socializing in a bar or restaurant, and incidents of sexual assaults involving drugs and alcohol most often occur immediately after leaving a licensed establishment or event; and

**WHEREAS** there is no legal requirement for the people who hold liquor licenses and permits, sell and serve liquor, or provide security at licensed establishments and events to be trained in recognizing and safely intervening in sexual harassment and violence;

**WHEREAS** servers in licenced establishments also face high risk of sexual violence and harassment from co-workers and patrons;

**THEREFORE, we the undersigned,** petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately pass the Ontario NDP's Safe Night Out Act to make Ontario's bars and nightclubs safer for patrons and staff by requiring training in sexual violence and harassment prevention, by strengthening protections for servers from workplace sexual violence, and by requiring every establishment to develop and post a policy on how sexual violence and harassment will be handled, including accessing local resources and supports.



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