

# Justice for Sexual Assault Survivors (Bill 112: Lydia's Law)

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

- WHEREAS** there were 1,639 cases of sexual assault in 2025 withdrawn or stayed before trial;
- WHEREAS** the criminal court system can be a hostile space for survivors and justice in Ontario is too often delayed or denied;
- WHEREAS** the 2019 Auditor General report made recommendations to proactively report on sexual assault and intimate partner violence cases through the court system and capture reasons for cases being stayed or withdrawn before trial;
- WHEREAS** the Independent Legal Advice (ILA) Program is insufficient in meeting survivors' needs;
- WHEREAS** the Victim Quick Response Program is limited and not always accessible;
- WHEREAS** there is a 5-year time limit for survivors to seek mental health supports funded by regulatory bodies;

**Therefore, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario** to adopt Recommendations 1 and 3 of the Auditor General's 2019 Annual Report; to make the ILA program more accessible for survivors; to review the Victim Quick Response Program to ensure it is meeting its mandate; and remove the time limits for survivors to seek mental health supports.



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