

Protect the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

Whereas children and youth are Ontario’s most valuable resource and deserve the best start in life we can provide.

Whereas Ontario’s most vulnerable children and youth are too often underserved by our child welfare, mental health, youth justice and special needs sectors.

Whereas that lack of service can result in health challenges, lower educational outcomes, reduced opportunity, injury and sometimes even death.

Whereas children and youth, and in particular vulnerable children and youth, often have no voice and few adults to speak on their behalf.

Whereas the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth is charged with the responsibility of providing an independent voice for children and youth by partnering with them to bring issues forward

Whereas the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth provides a necessary focused approach, putting children and youth at the centre of all their work, that cannot be provided by any other office.

Whereas the closure of the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth represents a step backwards for Ontario that will harm our most vulnerable children and youth

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to direct the Doug Ford government to reverse its decision to close the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth.



When complete, please send to:

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