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ONTARIO COALITION FOR Better Child Care

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PETITION FOR A UNIVERSAL, HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE SYSTEM IN ONTARIO

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the *Child Care and Early Years Act 2014* commits Ontario to "a system of responsive, safe, high quality and accessible child care and early years programs and services that will support parents and families, and will contribute to the healthy development of children."

WHEREAS recent community opposition to Ontario's child care regulation proposals indicates that a new direction for child care is necessary to address issues of access, quality, funding, system building, planning and workforce development.

WHEREAS Ontario's Gender Wage Gap Strategy Consultation found "child care was the number one issue everywhere" and "participants called for public funding and support that provides both adequate wages and affordable fees."

WHEREAS the federal government's commitment to a National Early Learning and Child Care Framework provides an excellent opportunity for Ontario to take leadership and work collaboratively to move forward on developing a universal, high quality, comprehensive child care system in Ontario.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: to undertake a transparent policy process with the clear goal of developing a universal early childhood education and child care system where all families can access quality child care programs; and to publicly declare their commitment to take leadership in developing a national child care plan with the federal government that adopts the principles of universality, high quality and comprehensiveness.

Name (please print)	**Address and postal code** (please print)	**Signature**	**Email address** (optional if you'd like updates)

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