



Petition to Pass Bill 13, An Act to establish the Poet Laureate of Ontario in memory of Gord Downie

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas poets laureate have been officially recognized at all levels of Canadian government and in at least 15 countries around the world; and

Whereas the establishment of our own poet laureate for the province of Ontario would promote literacy and celebrate Ontario culture and heritage, along with raising public awareness of poetry and of the spoken word; and

Whereas Gord Downie was a poet, a singer and advocate for Indigenous issues, and designating the poet laureate in his memory will serve to honour him and continue his legacy; and

Whereas Bill 13, An Act to establish the Poet Laureate of Ontario in memory of Gord Downie, will establish the Office of Poet Laureate for the province of Ontario as a non-partisan attempt to promote literacy, to focus attention on our iconic poets and to give new focus to the arts community in Ontario;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To support the establishment of the Office of Poet Laureate as an officer of the Ontario Legislature and that Private Member's Bill 13, An Act to establish the Poet Laureate of Ontario in memory of Gord Downie, receive swift passage through the legislative process.

Name (Please Print)	Address (Please Print)	Email Address (Optional)	Signature

Please mail or deliver (do not fax) the original signed petition (no copies) to your Member of Provincial Parliament, or to: MPP Percy Hatfield, Windsor-Tecumseh, Rm 363, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M7A 1A2.