



February 5, 2021

Peggy Sattler, MPP
London West
240 Commissioners Rd. W, Unit 106
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Dear Ms. Sattler;

Re: Stay Home if You Are Sick Act, Bill 239

On behalf of United Way Oxford, I would like to offer support in principle for your Private Members Bill, the Stay Home if You Are Sick Act. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted numerous inequities and Bill 239 addresses one of those important areas.

Far too many people struggling to get by are holding down numerous part time jobs, or full time positions, that do not include benefits or allow for paid sick days. They should not have to choose between giving up necessary income to provide for themselves and their families or going to work and possibly risking the health of their co-workers, customers and the general community. This Bill will help ease the worry for many workers.

At the same time, many businesses, especially those that are small and independently owned and operated, are also struggling to survive. Your inclusion of a financial support program to assist those employers experiencing hardship in the transition to providing paid sick days will help ease the financial burden, especially during these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your efforts on this important public health policy initiative. The Stay Home if You Are Sick Act help ensure the health and well-being of Ontario workers, their families, their workplaces and our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Gilson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kelly Gilson
Executive Director.