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TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO: PROTECT WATER AS A PUBLIC GOOD

WHEREAS groundwater is a public good, not a commodity, and;

WHEREAS the United Nations recognizes access to clean drinking water as a human right, and;

WHEREAS local ecosystems must be preserved for the well-being of future generations, and;

WHEREAS the duty to consult Indigenous communities regarding water taking within traditional territories is often neglected, resulting in a disproportionate burden on systemically marginalized communities during a period of reconciliation, and;

WHEREAS a poll commissioned by Wellington Water Watchers found that two-thirds of respondents support phasing out bottled water in Ontario over the course of a decade, and;

WHEREAS a trend towards prioritizing the expansion of for-profit water bottling corporations over the needs of municipalities will negatively impact Ontario’s growing communities;

Therefore we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change be directed to prioritize public ownership and control of water over corporate interests and make free drinking water accessible in all public spaces across the province.

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