

Save Pro Bono Law Centres

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

Whereas Pro Bono Ontario operates three court-based help centres that provide legal services for unrepresented litigants with civil matters in Ontario courts;

Whereas the court-based help centres provide invaluable legal services to the people of Ontario who would otherwise not be able to afford or obtain legal services;

Whereas these services help people with everyday legal problems including predatory lending schemes, landlord/tenant disputes and estate issues;

Whereas the help centres are being forced to close due to a lack of funding;

Whereas the help centres facilitate access to justice in Ontario;

Whereas access to justice has already reached a crisis point in Ontario;

Whereas the help centres provide a return on investment of approximately

\$10 for every \$1 invested and have proven to be a highly cost-effective means of providing pro bono legal services and facilitating access to justice;

Whereas all citizens of Ontario benefit from services that promote an efficient justice system.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to: take a leadership role in ensuring Pro Bono Ontario has a long term, stable source of funding that specifically supports its court-based help centres

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