



## PETITION

### TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

**WHEREAS**, approximately 3,500 suicides occur each year and suicide remains the second leading cause of death for 10 to 24 year olds in Canada;

**WHEREAS**, Ontario remains the only province or territory in Canada without a comprehensive suicide prevention strategy;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario called on the Government to table an action plan to implement the 23 recommendations found in the All-Party Select Committee on Mental Health and Addiction's Report, entitled 'Navigating the Journey to Wellness' in March 2011, however today only two recommendations have been implemented;

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to demand that the Minister of Health immediately implements the remaining recommendations of the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions and create an umbrella agency, similar in scope to Cancer Care Ontario, to spearhead a provincial strategy that would ensure that a basket of core institutional, residential and community services are available to every region of the province for clients of all ages; therefore it would also ensure that there is equitable access to mental health services which are essential to suicide prevention and positive mental health in our communities.

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