**Autism Petition**

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,

WHEREAS more children are on the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) Core Services waitlist than could fill the Rogers Centre; and

WHEREAS the OAP waitlist has tripled since 2018; and

WHEREAS children and families should not have to forgo the services or therapies they need because they are publicly unavailable or privately unaffordable; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is failing to meet its required operating standard; and

WHEREAS families deserve transparency;

WE, the UNDERSIGNED, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

* Immediately reveal current statistics about how many children are on the OAP wait list, and the average wait times to receive service as of January 1, 2023
* Commit to transparent and quarterly updates about the status of OAP and the waitlist figures
* Inform families of child-specific wait times for services so they may plan for their futures
* Establish minimum standards (including for intake period) for onboarding new families to OAP treatments
* Launch a commission to investigate the shortcomings of the current system and identify practical solutions

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**Upon completion, please mail this petition to its sponsor:**

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