

Petition to the Ontario Legislative Assembly

Access to Trades & Professions in Ontario

TO: The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Ontario benefits from the contributions of educated men and women with professional experience who choose to leave their country of origin, settle in Canada, raise their families, educate their children and pursue their livelihoods and careers **and**

WHEREAS Newcomers to Canada who choose to settle in Ontario find frequent, arbitrary and unnecessary obstacles that prevent new Canadians from practicing in Ontario's regulated professions, and using the knowledge and experience gained in their country of origin **and**

WHEREAS Action by Ontario's regulated professions *could* remove many such barriers, but Ontario's regulated professions have failed to recognize that such structural barriers exist, much less to take action to remove them, and to provide fair, timely, transparent and cost-effective access to regulated professions for new Canadians trained outside Canada,

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

THAT the Ontario Legislative Assembly urge the members of all parties to swiftly pass **Bill 124**, the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, 2006*, and to require Ontario's regulated professions to review and modify their procedures and qualification requirements to swiftly meet the needs of Ontario's employers, Ontario's newcomers and their own membership, all of whom desperately need the very skills of new Canadians working for their organizations, for their trades and professions, and for their families.

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