

Petition to the Ontario Legislative Assembly

Population-based social services funding

WHEREAS the population of Peel Region has *tripled*, from 400,000 residents a generation ago to more than 1.2 million residents today, **and**

WHEREAS human services funding has not kept pace with that growth. Peel Region receives only *one-third* the per-capita social services funding of other Ontario communities, **and**

WHEREAS residents of Peel Region often cannot obtain social services in a timely fashion, with long waiting lists for many service providers, **and**

WHEREAS Ontario's *Places to Grow* measures predict continued growth in the future, further challenging Peel's already-stretched service providers to respond to population growth,

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

THAT the Province of Ontario allocate social services funding on the basis of population size, population growth, relevant social indicators and special geographic conditions. That Ontario provide adequate growth funding for social services in Peel Region. And that Ontario develop, in consultation with high-growth stakeholders, a human services strategy for high-growth regions to complement Ontario's award-winning *Places to Grow* strategy.

Name (Printed)	Home Address and E-Mail	Signature

Please mail or deliver (*do not fax*) the **original** signed petition (*no copies*) to your Member of Provincial Parliament