



CUPE Ontario Communities, Not Cuts Petition

At the 2019 CUPE Ontario Convention, members voted to adopt an Action Plan that outlined escalating actions to be taken by CUPE Ontario and CUPE locals in opposition to this government's cuts and attacks on workers' rights.

We hope that locals will identify every opportunity between now and October 18th to get petition signatures from members and from people in your community. From Labour Day to membership meetings, we know that you are already doing work on the ground where this petition can be incorporated. It is also a tool to talk to the public at community events, or by holding transit blitzes, tabling at community fairs and leafletting at farmer's markets.

The government gave themselves an extended summer break and are planning to return on October 28th. Our plan is to hold a press conference the first week the government returns, where we will present petitions. We are hoping that the presentation will be impactful, with thousands of petitions from across the province. The deadline below will ensure that we have all petitions in time for this press conference.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to get CUPE members and community members to sign our Communities, Not Cuts petition as one step toward those escalating actions. Our members are facing unprecedented attacks through Bill 124, while our communities and social infrastructure have been dealt massive funding cuts. We need to send the government a strong message to stop dismantling our social infrastructure, properly fund our public services, withdraw Bill 124, and support communities, not cuts.

****Save the Date****

Constituency Week is November 12-November 15. We are hoping for community-based actions to take place across the province. We request that locals place this on your meeting agendas and think about what kinds of actions you can organize and support, including a rally at your MPP's office, MPP lobby meetings, or other community-based actions.

Directions:

1. To be permissible in the legislature, all signatories must include, *at minimum*, their name, address, and signature.
2. CUPE Ontario must receive *all petitions in their original hard copy*. Scans or copies are not permissible.
3. All hard copy petitions must be received by **October 18th**.

Petitions can be mailed to:

CUPE Ontario (ATTN: Kerry Davenport)
80 Commerce Valley Dr. E
Markham, ON
L3T 0B2



Petition

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Ford Conservatives' cuts represent an all-out attack on municipalities, health care, schools, universities, and social services;

AND WHEREAS the Ford Conservatives' cuts are harming families, children, and the most vulnerable across Ontario, making the services we all rely on less accessible and accountable;

AND WHEREAS Bill 124 will strip workers of their Charter-protected right to free collective bargaining;

AND WHEREAS Bill 124 will force front-line public sector workers to accept contracts below inflation, compounding cuts that make the delivery of services more difficult.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the Government of Ontario stop dismantling our social infrastructure, properly fund our public services, withdraw Bill 124, and support communities, not cuts.

Name (printed)	Street Address	City	Postal Code	Signature

Submitted by: _____

Local: _____

Date: _____

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