

BILL WALKER, MPP

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PETITION: To reinstate The Auditor General's Authority To Review Government Advertising



TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

Whereas, since 2006 the Auditor General of Ontario had been responsible for reviewing all government advertising to ensure it was not partisan; and

Whereas, in 2015 the Wynne government watered down the legislation, removing the ability of the Auditor General to reject partisan ads and essentially making the Auditor General a rubber stamp; and

Whereas, the Wynne government has since run ads such as those for the Ontario Pension Plan that were extremely partisan in nature; and

Whereas, the Wynne government is currently using taxpayers' money to run partisan hydro ads; and

Whereas, the government did not feel the need to advertise to inform the people of Ontario of any of the many hydro rate increases; and

Whereas, history shows that the Wynne and McGuinty governments have increased ad spending in the year proceeding a general election;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: To immediately reinstate the Auditor General's authority to review all government advertising for partisan messages before the ads run.

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

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