



**To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,**

**WHEREAS** Ontario’s tradespeople are subject to stifling regulation and compelled to pay membership fees to the unelected and unaccountable College of Trades;

**AND WHEREAS** these fees are a tax grab that drives down wages of skilled tradespeople;

**AND WHEREAS** despite the fact the Ontario has persistently high unemployment, there exists a shortage of skilled tradespeople;

**AND WHEREAS** the College of Trades supports outdated, restrictive apprenticeship-to-journeyman ratios thereby exacerbating the looming skilled trades shortage;

**AND WHEREAS** the Liberals and NDP defeated a motion by Simcoe North MPP Garfield Dunlop to abolish the College of Trades;

**We the undersigned petition the Legislature as follows:**

To immediately disband the College of Trades, cease imposing unnecessary membership fees, and enact forward-thinking policies that attract Ontarians into skilled trades’ careers.

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