Petition

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the WSIB has mandated that effective January 1, 2013 all independent contractors and small business owners operating in the construction industry must have WSIB coverage;

WHEREAS many of these business owners have their own private workplace insurance that in most cases is more affordable, more efficient, and provides more extensive coverage;

WHEREAS mandatory WSIB premiums add significant costs to small businesses and adversely affects their growth prospects and in some case their solvency;

WHEREAS the government provided minimum notice about the change to businesses with WSIB sending out an official letter dated November 25, 2012;

WHEREAS at a time when Ontario is facing a jobs crisis with 600,000 people unemployed, the government and its agencies should not be discouraging private sector job creation and growth by levying additional, unnecessary costs;

THEREFORE we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To direct the Minister of Labour to issue an Order-in-Council eliminating the requirement that mandates compulsory WSIB coverage on all independent contractors and small business owners in the construction industry.

Name (Print)	Address	Signature	Email

Do not fax – Return original signatures to Jeff Yurek, 750 Talbot Street, Unit 201, St. Thomas, N5P 1E2