Petition Against Bill 89

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS

Bill 89, *Supporting Children, Youth and Families Act* undermines parental authority;

Bill 89 no longer reflects that it is the role of parents to direct their child's religious upbringing;

By eliminating the religious faith in a child's upbringing as a matter to be considered in determining the child's best interests, Bill 89 diminishes the important role parents play in the spiritual and moral development of a child;

Bill 89 states that parents (and Children's Aid Services et al.) must bring up the child in accordance with the "child's creed" essentially diminishing the role of parents;

By expanding the application of the definition of "a child in need of protection" to instances where parents do not respond in a state-approved manner to their child's struggles with sexual identity, this bill will disrupt families where there is no need;

Foster and adoptive parents will be treated unjustly by Bill 89 if they do not subscribe to the government's gender ideology;

Bill 89 does little to address the problems in the child services system as identified by the Auditor General in its 2015 Report and by the Coroner's Jury in its 2015 Verdict on the death of Katelynn Sampson; and

Bill 89 divorces the list of protected characteristics in the *Human Rights Code* from their proper context, which limits their application to housing, employment, and service providers, and which includes protections that respect freedom of conscience and religion.

We, the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to vote against Bill 89.

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