

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

As the leader of this province, we are writing to you as representatives of hundreds of thousands if not millions of constituents across Ontario who voted for you back in 2018. We need you to know that this segment of your constituency is not happy with your leadership in managing this pandemic and the lack of consideration and compassion shown towards people who have had a significant impact on their lives, health and livelihood as a result of the repeated lockdowns, social distancing, stay-at-home orders and mandatory mask use.

We urge you to represent ALL members of your constituency. In trying to protect a small segment of the population who are at higher risk, you have neglected the significant costs to everyone else as a result of your provincial orders.

Public health must return to considering ALL determinants of health for all segments of the population, rather than myopically looking at only one. The outcomes of your government's strategies to date have resulted in significant **social, health and economic costs** including suicides, domestic abuse, child abuse, overdose crises and bankrupted and failed businesses. **Some Canadians experts** are now pointing to data that lockdown harms are 10 times greater than the benefits. These are harms which will impact this province and its economy for decades to come.

These strategies have also resulted in outright discrimination and human rights violations against individuals who are not able to tolerate masks or those who rely on facial expressions as a means of communication, e.g. individuals with special needs. These strategies go against our constitutional rights and point to potential future liability issues, which should not be taken lightly.

We, as Ontarians, must come together to re-evaluate these strategies and put Ontario back on track in charting a new course. We need to understand the long-term exit strategy for Ontario, so that we are not caught in a cycle of rolling lockdowns each time new Covid-19 variants surface. We also ask for

greater transparency in the data used to drive your decisions. Your government is still using **modelling data**, which is the least reliable source of data, rather than seriously considering the **peer reviewed scientific data** that exists from studies in jurisdictions around the world, indicating that locked down areas have fared little or no better in terms of Covid-19 outcomes.

There is evidence from **front line physicians** and **scientists** outside your small Covid-19 task force, who can share the real impact Covid-19 has had on our healthcare system and the ineffectiveness and dangers of masks and lockdowns. The time has for your Covid-19 task force to learn from other, highly respected and esteemed experts and for you to begin an open dialogue with Ontarians. This is what our democracy is based on - free and open dialogue.

Respectfully, we are asking for the opportunity to have this open dialogue with you to share our findings from experts and frontline medical workers within our group, so that we can collectively participate in moving our province in the right direction, without further damaging the very fabric of our society and collective public health. Let's be finished with masks and lockdowns and get Ontario back on track to healthy living.

We trust that you will be fair and transparent in accommodating our request to have this open dialogue, and we look forward to beginning the conversation as we head towards the 2022 provincial election.

Kind regards,

Concerned citizens of Ontario