

# PETITION TO GRANT OMBUDSMAN OVERSIGHT OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows,

**Whereas**, Ontario is one of the few provinces that does not have independent oversight of child welfare administration, **and**

**Whereas**, eight provinces now have independent oversight of child welfare issues, including child protection; **and**

**Whereas**, all provincial Ombudsmen first identified child protection as a priority issue in 1986 and still Ontario does not allow the Ombudsman to investigate people's complaints about Children's Aid Societies' (CAS) decisions; **and**

**Whereas**, people wronged by CAS decisions concerning placement, access, custody or care are not allowed to appeal those decisions to the Ontario Ombudsman's office.

**Therefore**, we the undersigned citizens of Ontario, petition the Members of the Provincial Parliament of Ontario to enact legislation in support of the Ombudsman of Ontario to have the power to probe decisions and investigate complaints concerning the province's Children's Aid Societies (CAS).

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