

ADVOCACY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY
URGENT MESSAGE TO STAKEHOLDERS

Premier Doug Ford's recent Ontario budget has cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario by \$133 million, which is 30% of LAO's budget, retroactive to April 1, 2019. The 30% LAO budget cut has already had a direct negative impact on ACE and the services we provide.

ACE is committed to upholding the rights of low-income seniors. We improve the quality of life of older adults by providing age-related legal advice and representation of low-income seniors and public legal education.

The budget cuts to Legal Aid Ontario will have a devastating impact on ACE's ability to provide legal services to Ontario's most vulnerable seniors.

We are calling on Premier Ford and Attorney General Caroline Mulroney to make a commitment to access to justice; to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and to confirm that funding for community legal-aid clinics will not be decreased.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP STOP THESE CUTS!

1. **E-MAIL, CALL OR WRITE** to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Caroline Mulroney and your local MPP. **CONTACT INFORMATION** is provided below. Please send them the **MESSAGE TO PREMIER FORD AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MULRONEY** given below (or compose your own message) urging them to STOP THE CUTS TO LEGAL AID!
2. **TELL US YOUR STORY:** Tell us in your own words how ACE, another legal-aid clinic or anyone in Legal Aid Ontario helped you or someone in your life. **WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR STORIES** of how we helped you, in your words. This will help us defend against the imminent LAO budget cuts that will hurt legal-aid services to older-adult Ontarians.

Send us your stories by mail at the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, 701-2 Carlton St., Toronto, ON M5B 1J3, by fax at (416) 598-7924, by email at stopthecutstolegalaid@gmail.com or call us at (416) 598-2656.

E-MAIL, PHONE OR WRITE TO PREMIER FORD:

Email: premier@ontario.ca
Phone: (416) 325-1941 or TTY 1-800-387-5559
Fax: (416) 325-3745
Mail: The Hon. Doug Ford, MPP
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

E-MAIL, PHONE OR WRITE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL MULRONEY:

Email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org
Phone: (905) 895-1555
Fax: (905) 895-0337
Mail: The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP
Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
11th Floor, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

E-MAIL, PHONE OR WRITE TO YOUR MPP:

E-mail, phone or write to your MPP with their contact information from the following website:

<https://voterinformationservice.elections.on.ca/en/election/search?mode=postalCode>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ALWAYS CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN YOUR EMAIL, CALL OR LETTER TO THE PREMIER, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR MPP, OR ELSE YOUR STATUS AS AN ONTARIO RESIDENT/ELIGIBLE VOTER WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AND YOUR MESSAGE WILL NOT BE PROPERLY ACKNOWLEDGED!!!

MESSAGE TO PREMIER FORD AND ATTORNEY GENERAL MULRONEY

Dear Premier Ford and Attorney General Mulroney:

Stop the Cuts to Legal Aid

I am writing today to urge you to stop your catastrophic budget cuts to Legal Aid Ontario.

These cuts will hurt Ontario's most vulnerable people the most, including low- to moderate-income older adults who need access to direct legal services, community legal education and advocacy for the legal rights of older adults that are provided by Legal Aid Ontario through legal-aid clinics like the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly.

Access to justice is the cornerstone of any democratic society so I urge you to reverse all cuts to Legal Aid Ontario.

Sincerely,

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