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PETITION



To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

- WHEREAS** In 2015 Ontario had, at 43.8%, the highest rate in Canada of charges withdrawn, stayed or otherwise removed prior to a trial, and
- WHEREAS** this situation causes significant costs to be incurred by the legal system, corrections, the individuals facing the charges and the general public whose access to prompt justice is impaired, and
- WHEREAS** facing a criminal charge imposes significant material and mental costs on individuals, as well as limiting their liberty and ability to work and live in their community, and
- WHEREAS** there is no remedy for compensating innocent Ontarians whose lives and livelihoods have been injured through being wrongfully accused,

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED,
PETITION THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO
AS FOLLOWS:**

- To develop and fund a program to assist Ontarians who have been wrongfully accused; and
- To study Ontario's unacceptably high rate of stayed and withdrawn charges, and to enact reforms to rectify the situation

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