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PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

- WHEREAS** since 2006, the Auditor General of Ontario had been responsible for reviewing all government advertising to ensure it was not partisan; and
- WHEREAS** in 2015, the government watered down the legislation, removing the ability of the Auditor General to reject partisan ads and essentially making the Auditor General a rubber stamp; and
- WHEREAS** the government has spent over \$80 million in just two years on extremely partisan advertising, including promoting the ORPP and the latest hydro plan; and
- WHEREAS** the government did not feel the need to advertise to inform the people of Ontario of any of the many hydro rate increases; and
- WHEREAS** history shows that the governments have increased ad spending in the year preceding a general election; and
- WHEREAS** these scarce taxpayers resources could be better spent to reverse cuts to important health and social services;

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

To immediately reinstate the Auditor General's authority to review all government advertising for partisan messages before the ads run.

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