



Wednesday December 22nd, 2021

Dear Doris Grinspun,

I am writing to express my support for the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario's campaign to repeal Bill 124. This callous piece of legislation is making the crisis in nursing so much worse, only driving people away from the profession at a time when we need Registered Nurses most.

All Nurses, including Registered Nurses in Ontario have gone through so much during this pandemic, putting it all on the line to keep us safe. The least we can do is make sure that they earn fair pay for the critical services they provide.

As we face a dangerous variant that is surging globally, including right here in Ontario, we are dealing with a crisis in health care staffing capacity. We should be trying to boost that capacity by repealing Bill 124 and bringing more internationally educated nurses into the province's response by expediting the process to get them credentialed.

With so many Registered Nurses being turned off of the career as a result of burnout and incompetent provincial leadership from Doug Ford, it should be a top priority to address this now.

We are already seeing some hospitals pause elective surgeries to focus on the rollout of booster shots because they simply don't have the staffing capacity. Ignoring our Registered Nurses is only making that crisis worse.

Doug Ford's stubborn determination to keep up his fight against our health care heroes is putting us all at risk, and it must come to an end immediately. I stand with Registered Nurses from across Ontario demanding the immediate repeal of the wage cap, and I am calling on Ford to recall the legislature so that we can do it now, not months from now when the legislature resumes.

All Nurses deserve to know their government and their Premier stands with them. As Premier, along with our Ontario Liberal team I will stand with those who fight to keep us safe, not against them like Doug Ford's Conservatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Del Duca'.

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