

Petition to the Ontario Legislative Assembly

Lower Drug Prices in Ontario

WHEREAS Ontarians pay significantly more money than comparable U.S. states for precisely the same generic drugs purchased at pharmacies for diabetes, cancer treatment, ulcers, high blood pressure, heart conditions and many other types of treatment, **and**

WHEREAS Ontario taxpayers spend more than half a billion dollars each and every year on so-called *Professional Allowances*, which are money paid by generic drug manufacturers to big pharmacy chains to stock their product. This money does not assist patients, and instead pays for shareholder dividends, salaries, benefits, bonuses and overhead expenses, **and**

WHEREAS drug costs are among the fastest-growing parts of Ontario's health care system. Taxpayers' funds should better be invested in improving access to new drugs to consumers and seniors, and lowering prices on existing products, **and**

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has proposed a more equitable means of compensating community pharmacists for serving clients, and will eliminate abuse by big pharmacy chains of rebates provided by manufacturers of drug products,

WE the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

THAT the Government of Ontario, and all Members of the Ontario Legislative Assembly support Ontario's proposed changes to pharmacy regulations, and assist patients and Ontario seniors with lower drug prices and better access to more new drugs for all Ontarians.

Name (Printed)	Home Address and E-Mail	Signature

Please mail or deliver (*do not fax*) the **original** signed petition (*no copies*) to your Member of Provincial Parliament