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Compelling the Wynne Government to Conduct an Independent Economic Impact Analysis on Bill 148

PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas, as recently as January 19th, 2017 Premier Wynne defended the current system for setting the minimum wage by stating: "We've got a really good process ... that actually depoliticizes the increases to the minimum wage ... It is very important to me that we have a predictable and sustainable way of seeing increases," before doing an about-face on this issue;

Whereas, individuals and small businesses were not properly consulted about the government's changes to the minimum wage and the labour code contained in Bill 148, leaving many to state they will have to cut back on staff or close their doors entirely; and

Whereas, the Financial Accountability Officer released a commentary on Bill 148 noting that it will result in a loss of approximately 50,000 jobs, will disproportionately impact small businesses, and is actually an inefficient policy tool for reducing overall poverty;

Therefore, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: to call upon the Wynne Government to conduct an independent economic impact analysis before Bill 148 comes into effect so that workers, businesses, and policy makers know all the ramifications of this piece of legislation.

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