Petition

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS according to the preamble of the Human Rights Code R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER H.19 it is public policy in Ontario to recognize the dignity and worth of every person and having as its aim the creation of a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of each person so that each person feels a part of the community and able to contribute fully to the development and well-being of the community and the Province,

And WHEREAS the current assistance levels for ODSP recipients prohibit them from being able to contribute fully to the development and well-being of the community and the Province and prevents them from feeling as a part of the community,

And WHEREAS the actions of any previous government of Ontario does not absolve this legislature from its current responsibilities to the people of Ontario,

WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to amend the ODSP Act and/or Ontario Regulation 222/98 to at least:

- Raise the Bacis Needs benefits to restore living level destroyed in 1995
- Raise the Bacis Needs benefits yearly to match the Consumer Price Index increase as determined by the Bank of Canada
- Adjust the Maximum Shelter Allowance in O. Reg. 222/98, s. 31 (2) 2 to reflect current real world values and remove a recipient s reliance on Geared To Income Housing Assistance
- Provide yearly increases to the Maximum Shelter Allowance to match the rent control index increases as provided by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as per section 129 of the Tenant Protection Act, 1997
- Raise the Asset Cutoff Levels to compensate for inflation from 1995 to the current year
- Provide yearly increases in Asset Cutoff Levels to compensate for the Consumer Price Index increases
- Increase the Earnings Cutoff Levels to compensate for the Consumer Price Index increase between 1995 and the current year
- Provide yearly increases in the Earnings Cutoff Levels to compensate for the Consumer Price Index increases
- Modify O. Reg. 222/98, s. 30 (2) that caps the total amount payable to accommodate the difference shown in the chart in O. Reg. 222/98, s. 30 (1) 1. (Where both the recipient and partner are persons with a disability as described in Note 3)
- Remove the clawback on earnings of other members of the recipient s benefit unit
- Increase and maintain Personal Vehicle Travel Allowance rates to match rates afforded to other Ontarian s by legislation in Ontario

Signature	Name (Printed)	Address (Printed)

Notes: This petition may be copied and circulated. Deliver completed petitions in person to your local MPP. Attempt to receive confirmation that they will present petition to the Legislature. Petition last modified May 31, 2006.