Petition

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas the Province of Ontario collects a Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and the Federal Government of Canada collects a Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the current government of Ontario is proposing to merge the two taxes into a single Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and;

Whereas the proposed Harmonized Sales Tax does provide some benefits to business in Ontario and;

Whereas this new tax will result in Provincial Sales Tax being charged on a large number of items and sevices where it is not currently charged and;

Whereas the people of Ontario have absorbed a number of new and increased taxes despite Dalton McGuinty's promises that such tax increases would not be implemented, and have therefore seen their disposable income drop accordingly and;

Whereas these additional taxes will result in increased taxes paid by Ontarians;

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Government of Ontario to immediately rescind their existing plan and initiate a joint process with the Federal Government to reconsider the proposed Harmonized Sales Tax with special consideration for matching existing tax exempt items and services, in order to ensure that any changes to tax policy do not further increase taxes paid and revenue collected.

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