Petition

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas the Ontario government needs to strengthen primary care as the foundation of healthcare system to achieve health system transformation goals of *Patients First;* and

Whereas research shows that interprofessional primary health care delivers better outcomes for people and better value for money; and

Whereas an investment in primary care will help address recruitment and retention challenges, build strong interprofessional primary care teams and ensure high-quality, people-centred primary health care delivery in Ontario; and

Whereas over 7,500 staff in over 400 Community Health Centres, Family Health Teams, Aboriginal Health Access Centres and Nurse Practitioner-led Clinics are being paid below rates recommended in 2012 and as a result are facing challenges recruiting and retaining health providers, including Chiropodists, Nurse Practitioners, Dietitians, Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses, Health Promoters, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Pharmacists, Respiratory Therapists, Chiropractors, Physiotherapists, Mental Health and Social Workers, Physician Assistants, Managers and Administration;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to invest in interprofessional primary health care teams with a commitment of $130 million annualized, with an implementation plan over 2 years, to ensure interprofessional primary health care teams can effectively retain and recruit staff.

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