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**The Honourable Ted Arnott**, MPP for Wellington - Halton Hills,  
**The Honourable Sylvia Jones**, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon,  
**Randy Pettapiece**, MPP for Perth-Wellington, and  
**Mike Schreiner**, MPP for Guelph

Good Day Honourable Members of Provincial Parliament,

I hope you & your staff are staying safe and healthy in these unprecedented times. My name is Paul Taylor and I am President of a local support & advocacy group for injured workers, of Wellington & Dufferin counties. Our group is the Injured Workers of Wellington & Dufferin Counties – IWWDC ([www.iwwd.ca](http://www.iwwd.ca)). IWWDC is associated with the provincial group, Ontario Network of Injured Worker Groups – ONIWG ([www.injuredworkersonline.org](http://www.injuredworkersonline.org)). I am writing you on behalf of our local injured workers of Wellington & Dufferin counties, **to inquire your voting intentions on [Bill 119, Respecting Injured Workers Act](#).**

Bill 119, *Respecting Injured Workers Act*, is a Bill proposed by Wayne Gates, MPP for Niagara Falls. The purpose of the Bill is to end the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board – WSIB practice of claiming a worker's can earn an income, when they are unable to, due to their injuries. This has been commonly known as "**Deeming**" or "**Determining**". In many legal circles, this would be considered "**fraudulent behavior**" on the part of the WSIB. Unless something is not done soon, it will likely open the WSIB to costly civil class action claims.

**I am therefore asking, on behalf of local injured workers and your constituents,  
of your intentions on the voting of  
[Bill 119, Respecting Injured Workers Act](#).**

I also wish to inform you that I will be placing all our local MPP's responses on the local groups website on the page <http://www.iwwd.ca/mpsmpps.html> dedicated to our local MPs & MPPs. Or in many cases and in all likelihood your lack of responses. Also, how you have voted, once Bill 119, *Respecting Injured Workers Act* comes up for a vote. I will also start doing this regarding any other connected matters. The purpose is to hold our local MPPs, **YOU**, accountable to the **PEOPLE** who voted you into office.

Before you respond on how you will vote on [Bill 119, Respecting Injured Workers Act](#), I would like to point out some obvious and easily provable facts!

In our local group's area of Wellington & Dufferin Counties, we have four MPPs being:

The Honourable Ted Arnott (Wellington - Halton Hills),  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon),  
Randy Pettapiece (Perth-Wellington),  
and Mike Schreiner (Guelph).

All are members of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, apart from Mr. Schreiner, who is a member of the Green Party of Ontario.

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party has appeared to take the position with voters that the party, ensures taxpayer accountability through the cutting of costly social programs. As you are aware the people of Wellington & Dufferin Counties have a constitutional protected right to vote. Conversely, business has no right to vote! Knowing this, the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, in the past and presently, has taken a position that workers compensation is much like that of social assistance. When cuts to workers compensation benefits made, the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party claims it is to save taxpayers huge amounts of money in the paying out of benefits.

I would now like to take this opportunity to easily convince you, hopefully a rational person, with the use of easily obtainable information. I want to convince you that the Ontario Conservative Party's actions against those injured at work, are actually costing Ontario taxpayers in untold millions annually!

First, the main and sole purpose of workers compensation, in Ontario, was to properly care for workers when they are injured at work. This is to prevent injured workers from becoming a financial burden on their families, but most importantly injured workers do not become a financial burden on taxpayers. Therefore, the financial responsibility of caring for injured workers falls rightfully and solely on employers, in a collective way.

Second, that schedule 1 employers (private employers), pay premiums to fund the "[Insurance fund](#)". When schedule 1, workers are injured, at work, benefits are paid out of this fund. That the WSIB administers the insurance fund and all costs of administering this fund, including WSIB, WSIAT Fair practices commission and many other expenses are paid out of the fund. The fund is solely funded by employers and is **NOT funded by taxpayers**. Therefore, ensuring that taxpayers do not bear the financial burden of caring for workers when workers are injured at work.

Third, that social programs like Ontario Works – OW, Ontario Disability Support Program – ODSP, Ontario Hospitalization Insurance Plan – OHIP, and many others are solely funded by

taxpayers. Therefore, when people are forced to use these programs, this directly costs Ontario taxpayers.

The WSIB makes use of “*Deeming*” and other unlawful practices (preexisting conditions and WSIB paid doctors), to force injured workers, with legitimate claims for workers compensation benefits onto Ontario taxpayer funded programs, previously mentioned above. I have personally contacted the Ministry responsible for OW & ODSP. I know from past personal experience that the Ministry collects useful information, like whether a claimant for OW/ODSP has applied for workers compensation benefits. I requested the information for a twenty-year period. To obtain a good average. I learned a very disturbing reality

**That on average  
4,500 injured workers each month  
are onto forced on either OW or ODSP,  
by the unlawful actions of the WSIB!**

When these injured workers ought to have been receiving workers compensation benefits, paid by their employers and NOT on the backs of hard worker taxpayers! I have also made a simple calculation, based on individual amounts paid per month to OW/ODSP recipients, that because of the WSIB’s unlawful practices,

**The WSIB is costing the Ontario taxpayers  
more than \$30 million per year!**

This does not include OHIP or other taxpayer funded programs that injured workers who have been unlawfully forced to use, by the WSIB.

**The WSIB has unlawfully transferred  
the cost of workplace injuries claims  
from employers onto the backs of taxpayers!**

**That according to information obtained from the WSIB,  
each year more than 300,000 Ontario workers suffer a work-related injury.  
Of those, more than 30,000 suffer permanent disabilities.**

Also, according to information obtained from the WSIB, according to a 2013 research study, on average, at least 25% of workplace injury claims are intentionally suppressed by employers. So,

it is more like 375,000 workers or in terms you will understand, 375,000 voters per year, who suffer work injuries and 37,500 voters who suffer permanent disabilities. That is a considerable number of voters each year, who may have before their work accident, not known or cared about the plight of injured workers but are now directly impacted and are concerned and angry about it!

Unofficially, I have heard that Mr. Schreiner intends to fully support the passing of [Bill 119, Respecting Injured Workers Act](#), I would respectfully officially hear from his office or him personally. That Mr. Schreiner intends to fully support Bill 119, in its present form. So, I can place this information on the groups' webpage <http://www.iwwd.ca/mpsmpps.html>

I also understand that the Honourable Ted Arnott, as speaker, is unable to vote on any matters. However, I would still prefer to officially hear this from his Honour's office or His Honour himself directly.

On a separate note, I will also be contacting the offices of Honourable Ted Arnott (Wellington - Halton Hills), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon), Randy Pettapiece (Perth-Wellington), to discuss arranging a meeting with them. This is to discuss another initiative of the group to save local Ontario taxpayers money. This will be to discuss our group's proposal to obtain funding, which will not cost taxpayers, for our group so we can provide free legal support services to injured workers of Wellington & Dufferin Counties. This is because currently there are no services available locally for injured workers.

I have already met with Mr. Schreiner on this issue who was observed to be very receptive of the proposal.

I remain respectfully yours,



Paul Taylor

*President*

**On behalf of Injured Workers of Wellington Dufferin Counties – IWWDC**