

TO: The Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS Ontario's Drive Clean program was implemented only as a temporary measure to reduce high levels of vehicle emissions and smog; and

WHEREAS vehicle emissions have declined so significantly from 1998 to 2010 that they are no longer among the major domestic contributors of smog in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of reductions in vehicle emissions were, in fact, the result of factors other than the Drive Clean program, such as tighter manufacturing standards for emission-control technologies; and

WHEREAS from 1999 to 2010 the percentage of vehicles that failed emissions testing under the Drive Clean program steadily declined from 16% to 5%; and

WHEREAS the Environment Minister has ignored advances in technology and introduced a new, computerized emissions test that is less reliable and prone to error; and

WHEREAS the new Drive Clean test no longer assess tailpipe emissions, but instead scans the on-board diagnostics systems of vehicles, which already perform a series of continuous and periodic emissions checks; and

WHEREAS the new Drive Clean test has caused the failure rate to double in less than two months as a result of technical problems with the new emissions testing method; and

WHEREAS this new emissions test has caused numerous false "fails", which have resulted in the overcharging of testing fees for Ontario drivers and car dealerships, thereby causing unwarranted economic hardship and stress;

THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly as follows:

That the Minister of the Environment must take immediate steps to begin phasing out the Drive Clean program.

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