PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas.

Ontario is constitutionally entitled to twenty-four (24) Senators in the Senate of Canada;

And Whereas.

Ontario is currently short two (2) Senate representatives (as at October 2008);

And Whereas.

Ontario will lose three (3) Senators in 2009 due to "aging out" or mandatory retirement, three Senators in 2010 and one (1) more Senator in each of 2011 and 2012;

And Whereas.

Ontario is facing less than equal representation in the Senate of Canada potentially by as many as ten (10) Senate positions within the next four (4) years unless new representatives are made available;

And Whereas,

Ontario's citizens are capable of choosing and/or electing their own Senate representatives;

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

The Government of Ontario is urged to institute legislation for an electoral process to be conducted every four (4) years to select at least four (4) "senators-in-waiting" and furthermore

The Government of Ontario is urged to have the first such electoral process select sufficient "senators-in-waiting" to fill the current and forthcoming Senate vacancies in the ensuing four (4) years plus at least four (4) additional persons in the event of disablement, early retirement, resignation or death of any Senator for Ontario.

Name (Print)	Address (Print)	Postal Code	Telephone	Signature

Petition: "Senator-In-Waiting" Elections for Ontario

Please read the following!

You can print out as many copies of the petition as you would like and have your family, friends, coworkers and other persons <u>resident in Ontario</u> and interested in democratically elected Senate representatives for Ontario sign the petition.

To make this petition successful in the shortest time possible, tell five people to download the petition at <u>getpolitical.ca</u> and have them tell five people to do the same. If your family or friends do not have internet access, download the forms for them.

This petition is going to be presented to the Legislature of Ontario and there are a few rules that need to be followed:

- The text of the petition must appear at the top of every sheet and must not be altered either by erasing or crossing out words or by adding words.
- No other matter is to be attached or written on the petition, whether in the form of additional documents, news articles, statements, or requests for support.
- Each petitioner must print his or her own name and address directly on the petition and must sign his or her name under the text of the petition. A petition must contain original signatures only, written directly on the face of the petition and not pasted or transferred to it. Petitions must be free of erasures or insertions. Petitioners must be residents of the Province of Ontario.

What do I do with the signed copies?

Unfortunately, in order to express your "two cents worth", it is going to cost you a postage stamp in order to have the petition presented to the Legislature of Ontario.

Please mail to:

getpolitical.ca
C/O Andrew I. Carson, CA.
PO Box 284
Orangeville, ON L9W 2Z7

Why not an electronic petition?

The Parliament of Ontario does not accept electronic petitions. Only a signed paper petition meets the requirements of parliament and goes further to convincing parliament to enact this needed legislation.

Thank you for supporting the Ontario "Senator-In-Waiting" initiative.