PETITION

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Ontario Government is proposing changes to Regulation 440, by way of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission (OFPMC), to replace the regulated marketing of 14 processing vegetable commodities in favour of a free market system; and

WHEREAS; this removal of the negotiating authority of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers (OPVG) is a removal of the raison d'etre of the OPVG in favour of an industry advisory committee; and

THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: that the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Government of Ontario support the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers right to negotiate price terms and conditions of contracts for processing vegetables in Ontario on producer's behalf.

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