



RANDY PETTAPIECE, MPP

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Petition to stop the hike to seniors' drug costs

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is rewriting the Ontario Drug Benefit, a change that will force seniors to pay significantly more for prescription drugs starting on August 1st, 2016,

WHEREAS the proposed increase will force most seniors to pay nearly twice as much for their medication, raising the annual deductible to \$170 from \$100, increasing the co-payment or fee paid per prescription,

WHEREAS prescription drugs make up the largest portion — almost 30 per cent — of out-of-pocket spending for seniors, and that the average senior household spends about \$500 a year on regular prescription drugs and requires at least eight different types of drugs each year to stay healthy and maintain their independence, and

WHEREAS seniors on fixed incomes cannot afford to pay more for prescription drugs — and should not be forced to skip medications that they can no longer afford and put their health at risk,

WHEREAS there is potential for seniors who skip medications to end up in emergency departments or be hospitalized, the most costly form of health care utilization, thereby significantly increasing the cost of our health care system overall,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

Stop the Government's plan to hike the cost of seniors' drugs and work to expand access and make prescription drug coverage more affordable for all Ontarians.

Name (Please Print)	Address (Please Print)	Email Address	Signature

Please return the original signed petitions (no copies) to:

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