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**Via electronically mail**

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The Honourable Doug Ford

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**RE: Bill 97, An Act to proclaim Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month**

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of [name of the organization] we are writing to you to express our support for **Bill 97, An Act to proclaim Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month, introduced on April 8th by Mr. Aris Babikian, MPP, Scarborough Agincourt.**

Many members of our communities are the survivors and/or descendants of genocidal acts committed upon them by totalitarian regimes in their respective homelands.

Mr. Babikian’s Bill makes an extremely important contribution to the noble task of recognizing and preventing genocides and other crimes against humanity and at the same time honours the sacrifices and memory of those who perished. And it further, creates a framework and contributes to the universal struggle for the prevention of genocides, the restoration of rights of the people subjected to genocide and the establishment of historical justice.

As Ontarians and Canadians we strongly believe that it is our share responsibility to acknowledge the past, stand up against injustice and work collaboratively to deter and prevent further violations of human rights.

As Ontarians, regardless of our ethnic origin and religious affiliation, we must unite our efforts to restore historical justice and paying tribute to the memory of the victims of the genocides and take steps to prevent and ensure that such heinous crimes are never inflicted upon our fellow human beings.

With your personal support and that of your colleagues in the Ontario Legislature, this Bill should become law, and such will add awareness of humanity’s evils, contribute to our collective historic memory as Ontarians and serve to teach future generations and help mankind take steps to prevent such heinous crimes from being repeated.

Your very truly,