



Reform Assistive Devices Program (DJNO) Campaign

Petition summary and background	<p>The Assistive Devices Program (ADP) is mandated to help people in Ontario with long-term physical disabilities pay for customized equipment, like wheelchairs, walkers, communication devices, hearing aids, and more. The ADP is also supposed to help cover the costs of specialized supplies, such as those used with ostomies.</p> <p>There are many problems with the ADP program. Though it is supposed to take 6-8 weeks to be able to have a file processed, people with disabilities can often wait for many more months to hear back about an application, and receive the required assistive device. This is due to a chronic underfunding and understaffing of the program.</p>
Petition Ask	<p>We, the undersigned, are concerned residents in Ontario with disabilities or who are allies of the disabilities. We urge the government of Ontario to take the following actions as it pertains to the Assistive Devices Program (ADP) in Ontario:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License all vendors that sell and/or repair assistive devices in Ontario, • Have all vendors that sell and/or repair assistive devices be subjected to annual reviews by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. • Mandate and enforce timely access to assistive devices funded partially or in full by the province of Ontario, including addressing the backlogged files as it relates to Assistive Devices Program. • Mandate and enforce timely access to repairs as it relates to assistive devices funded partially or in full by the province of Ontario. including addressing the backlogged files as it relates to Assistive Devices Program. • Mandate and enforce clearer supports as it relates to the transition between pediatric and adult services. • Mandate and enforce adequate staffing for the Assistive Devices Program, in order to address the backlog.

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