**Sample letter to your MPP**

Dear [find contact information for your MPP here: <https://www.ola.org/en/members/current>]

**Re: Stop the cuts to legal aid!**

I am writing today to urge you to stop the catastrophic budget cuts to legal aid in Ontario. **[Describe yourself and your organization, and provide information about the types of communities you work with and the problems they come to you with.]**

These cuts will hurt Ontario’s vulnerable people the most, including **[the groups we work with]**. Without access to reliable legal information provided by CLEO (Community Legal Education Ontario/Éducation juridique communautaire Ontario) and legal advice and representation services provided by **[the community legal clinic in your community – find their information here:** [**http://bitly.com/ontarioclinics**](http://bitly.com/ontarioclinics)**]**, the help that we can give our clients will be less effective.

And, these cuts will **not** lead to government savings, but rather to greater financial and social expense to Ontario’s communities. Legal problems, if not addressed, can lead quickly to health problems, unemployment, and homelessness. [Research has shown](http://www.cba.org/cbamedialibrary/cba_na/images/equal%20justice%20-%20microsite/pdfs/equaljusticefinalreport-eng.pdf) that for every dollar spent on legal aid, governments save an average of $6 elsewhere, for example in health care, corrections, or family courts.

The budget cuts to legal aid will lead to severe injustice for many Ontarians, especially society’s most vulnerable. Please work with our government, and restore full funding to legal aid in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

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