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Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. Peter Kryworuk, Chairperson of the London Holodomor Committee.

As you will read in the letter, the London Holodomor Committee has written to you and copied the offices of members of provincial parliament in the London region requesting that the provincial government supports Private Member's Bill 147, *Holodomor Memorial Day Act, 2009*. As you are likely aware, this bill was jointly introduced for First Reading by Mr. Dave Levac, M.P.P. Brant, Mr. Frank Klees, M.P.P. Newmarket-Aurora and Ms. Cheri DiNovo, M.P.P. Parkdale-High Park on February 18, 2009. The bill received Second Reading on March 5, 2009 and was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy.

Similar bills have been passed within the Legislatures of three other Canadian provinces, by U.S. states and in other countries throughout the world. As someone of Ukrainian heritage, I am very much in support of this legislation and I hope that my fellow members of parliament will take the time to study the bill's intention and find it within themselves to support the passing of it during Third Reading. Then on November 28, 2009, we as Ontarians can appropriately commemorate the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33, a catastrophe that took the lives of 10 million people which directly or indirectly affected thousands of the province's citizens that also come from Ukrainian descent.

Premier, I would appreciate your reviewing the letter and responding directly to Mr. Kryworuk. As always, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Peters, M.P.P.
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Cc: Mr. Peter Kryworuk, Chairperson, London Holodomor Committee
Mr. Dave Levac, M.P.P. Brant
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