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To:

Doug Ford, Premier

CC: Peter Bethfany, Minister of Finance

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services

Sent by email to: premier@ontario.ca; Minister.fin@ontario.ca; MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

FAIR (Fair Association of Victims for Accident Insurance Reform) is a grassroots not-for-profit organization of Ontario's injured car crash survivors and their supporters who have struggled with the current auto insurance system.

Most Ontarians are unaware that if they are seriously injured or unable to return to their job after a car crash they will likely end up on the Provincial support systems such as Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Both of these systems are inadequate to support people with traumatic injuries. Tens of thousands of unpaid car crash claims end up in our courts every year and those same patients have to rely on Ontario's supports like OW and ODSP when the insurer they paid to help them kicks them to the curb.

We don't have to tell you how inadequate the existing system is – you already know and we've been sounding the alarm about the harm to patients before Covid-19 and the skyrocketing inflation that has Ontario's most vulnerable citizens considering MAID as a solution to being starved out of existence. The situation is dire and it reflects badly on Ontario's ability to care for this vulnerable population.

FAIR supports the letter from the Income Security Advocacy Centre (ISAC) and their message to the Ontario government urging you "to raise social assistance rates in Ontario to adequate levels in the upcoming August 2022 Budget". We would like to add our name to the more than 200 advocacy groups who have already signed the ISAC open letter to increase Ontario's supports to keep up with the soaring cost of living.

We hope that the government will take appropriate action to ensure all Ontarians are treated with dignity and respect when facing physical and mental challenges and that this population has the financial support that will provide security and hope for a better future.

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'FAIR – supporting auto accident victims through advocacy and education'