

Dear Member of Provincial Parliament,

I am writing to express my concerns with the current child protection and family law system. In doing so, I am also showing my support for all those who are participating in the Fighting4Families oversight and accountability action. You can find out more about this action by visiting [www.fighting4families.webs.com](http://www.fighting4families.webs.com)

I am urging your government to take action in ensuring the health and well-being of all children in our Province. I would like to know what you, as an elected Member of Parliament, are doing to advance an agenda that addresses the real needs of children and their families with regards to:

**OVERSIGHT:** Currently, there is virtually no oversight of the child protection industry in Ontario, Canada. The rising number of allegations of wrong doing by child protection “agents” against families is alarming. The present internal complaint system is grossly inadequate. The conflict of interest that arises in allowing child protection “agents” who are taking parties to court, to handle their own complaints is absolutely disgraceful. The recent Ombudsman Report stated there was misspent tax payers dollars found when only a small number of agencies were briefly looked at. Mr. Andre Marin commented that these findings only scratched the surface. What are you doing to increase oversight and protect taxpayers and more importantly, children and their families?

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** The Federal, Provincial and Territorial governments have stated that children are our countries most precious resource. Yet many children and families are claiming huge injustices in dealing with child protection agencies and family court. Allegations range from bias and malicious attitudes up to and including criminal perjury and emotional/physical/sexual abuse of those in the care of child protection services. What are you doing to ensure that all children in these unfortunate situations were taken for legitimate concerns and will truly be safe and protected? When will you urge fellow members to ensure children and their families are protected?

**FORMAL/ACCREDITED TRAINING:** There are several child protection workers employed in this system, determining the futures of children and their families, with absolutely no assurance to their qualifications academically and mentally. How do you propose to assure children and their families that “agents” are truly and universally qualified to deal with such important, permanent, and life altering decisions? What steps are you taking to increase the qualifications and accountability of child protection workers to ensure the safety and well being of children and their families?

I recognize that some initial steps have been taken by your government to address the needs of families, but not all Canadians dealing with the child protection industry and family courts are benefiting. I urge you to take decisive action on taking the necessary steps to realize the goal of eradicating child abuse, not only in the home, but from those we trust to protect them.

Supporter,

*Fighting 4 Families*