



*Petition in Support of Bill 141 – Sewage Bypass Reporting Act, 2017*  
**To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

**Whereas:** In 2006 the Ministry of Environment estimated that 18 billion litres of untreated or partially treated sewage was bypassed into local water bodies,

**Whereas:** In 2006 there were 1,544 and in 2007 there were 1,243 separate bypass incidences of untreated or partially treated sewage reported to the provincial government,

**Whereas:** weather events regularly overwhelm local sewer systems meaning sewage regularly is bypassed into local streams, rivers and lakes,

**Whereas:** these bypasses can include untreated human waste, microorganisms, disease causing pathogens and toxic chemicals,

**Whereas:** the Ministry of Environment already collects information from municipalities on sewage bypasses, but does not make this information available to the public,

**Whereas:** Ontarians deserve to promptly know when untreated or partially treated sewage is released into the local waterways that they sail, canoe, kayak, boat and swim in,

**Therefore:** We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly to adopt Bill 141 without delay.

Name (Printed)	Address	Email	Signature

Please return to Sylvia Jones, MPP for presentation in the Ontario Legislature  
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