



Petition in Support of Bill 153: the Organic Products Act
To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Whereas, the Federal government adopted the Canada Organic Standards in 2009 for products labeled organic that are sold outside their province of origin;

Whereas, the Canada Organic Trade Association rated Ontario lowest amongst all provinces for regulation, support and development of organic products;

Whereas, anyone in Ontario is free to use the term “organic” on any product, so long as they do not use the Canada Organic logo or sell across provincial borders.

Whereas, Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba have already adopted an organic standard to address this gap;

Whereas, inconsistency in the use of the term “organic” can lead to erosion in consumer confidence in organic products;

And Whereas, The Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, and the National Farmers Union – Ontario, support the intent of Bill 153.

Therefore: We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That the government adopt Bill 153, *the Organic Products Act* and consult with farmers and producers about how to ensure consumer confidence in organic products in Ontario

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