**Petition endorsed and read-in:**

**Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Canada** (list as of December 15, 2017)

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MPP Armstrong, London-Fanshawe (NDP)

MPP Arnott, Wellington-Halton Hills (PC)

MPP Barrett, Haldimand Norfolk (PC)

MPP Bradley, St. Catharines (LIB)\*

MPP Clark, Leeds-Grenville (PC)

MPP Dinovo, Parkdale-High Park (NDP)

MPP Gelinas, Nickel Belt (NDP)

MPP Hardeman, Oxford (PC)

MPP Martow, Thornhill (PC)

MPP McMeekin, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale (LIB)

MPP Pettapiece, Perth-Wellington (PC)\*

MPP Satler, London West (NDP)

MPP Walker, Bruse-Grey-Owen Sound (PC)

MPP Yurek, Elgin-Middlesex-London (PC)

\*Members, Standing Committee on Government Agencies

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“Whereas in the past 10 years in Ontario, 86% of all movies with on-screen smoking were rated for youth;

“Whereas the tobacco industry has a long, well-documented history of promoting tobacco use on-screen;

“Whereas a scientific report released by the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit estimated that 185,000 children in Ontario today will be recruited to smoking by exposure to on-screen smoking;

“Whereas more than 59,000 will eventually die from tobacco-related cancers, strokes, heart disease and emphysema, incurring at least $1.1 billion in health care costs; and whereas an adult rating (18A) for movies that promote on-screen tobacco in Ontario would save at least 30,000 lives and half a billion health care dollars;

“Whereas the Ontario government has a stated goal to achieve the lowest smoking rates in Canada;

“Whereas 79% of Ontarians support not allowing smoking in movies rated G, PG, 14A (increased from 73% in 2011);

“Whereas the Minister of Government and Consumer Services has the authority to amend the regulations of the Film Classification Act via cabinet;

“We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

“To request the Standing Committee on Government Agencies examine the ways in which the regulations of the Film Classification Act could be amended to reduce smoking in youth-rated films released in Ontario; and

“That the committee report back on its findings to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and that the Minister of Government and Consumer Services prepare a response.”

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Sources: [House Hansard Search](http://hansardindex.ontla.on.ca/hansarde.asp); [Ontario Coalition for Smokefree Movies](http://smokefreemovies.ca/)

**Additional UCSF Smokefree Movies resources:**

• [Research reports about on-screen smoking in Canada](http://smokefreemovies.ucsf.edu/research/all/all/Canada)

• [Estimated public subsidies for top-grossing films with smoking shot in Canada](https://smokefreemovies.ucsf.edu/policy-solutions/end-public-subsidies/how-you-pay)

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