Petition

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS, according the Canadian Hearing Society, nearly 1 in 4 Canadians report having some hearing loss and 10% report themselves culturally Deaf, oral deaf, deafened, or hard of hearing.

WHEREAS hospitals and other health care organizations have a duty to accommodate Deaf and hard of hearing patients by providing sign language interpretation, according to the 1997 Eldridge Supreme Court Decision.

WHEREAS hospitals and other healthcare organizations often fail to provide sign language interpretation for Deaf or hard of hearing patients.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to direct the Ministry of Health to ensure sign language interpretation is available to all Deaf or hard of hearing patients throughout the healthcare system.

Name	Address	Signature

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