Dear Honourable Premier Wynne,

I am writing to you today to ask for your support on Bill 79, *Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day Act, 2016.* If passed, Bill 79 will recognize every December 13th as the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day. Since passing second reading debate on December 8th, 2016, communities across Ontario have mobilized over 60,000 signatures in support of Bill 79.

The Nanjing Massacre, colloquially known as the “Rape of Nanking”, was a six-week massacre initiated by Japanese imperial forces on December 13, 1937, in the then-capital of China, Nanjing (called “Nanking” at the time). More than 200,000 Chinese soldiers and civilians lost their lives during the massacre and tens of thousands of women in Nanjing were sexually assaulted during the capture of the city. Global human rights injustices have an impact in our diverse communities, with many Ontario residents having direct lineage to this atrocity. Bill 79 would promote education and raise awareness amongst Ontarians about the atrocities and tragedies that occurred in Asia during WWII.

As Premier of Ontario, you have proudly spoken about our inclusive province. A truly inclusive Ontario requires the Legislature to pass Bill 79. Ontarians expect their Premier to take a courageous stance on this global human rights injustice issue, and to work with diverse communities to pass appropriate and timely legislation. By taking a firm position, as was done by enacting the Holocaust Memorial Day and Holodomor Memorial Day, Ontarians will have confidence that their Premier champions issues that make Ontario more inclusive, culturally aware, and intolerant toward acts of injustice.

Sincerely,

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