Dear MPP \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

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.

Currently, Ontario already recognizes a number of international genocides and human rights atrocities, including Holocaust Memorial Day and Holodomor Memorial Day. The Armenian genocide has also been recognized by the Government of Canada and in the province of Ontario. This recognition has offered a day for reflection, reconciliation, and education for all Ontarians.

As you are a Member of Provincial Parliament, I encourage you to support Bill 79, *Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day Act*, and in effect support a more inclusive Ontario.

Sincerely,

Name:

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Cc: Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne

Cc: Patrick Brown, Leader of the Official Opposition

Cc: Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Recognized Party