Dear [community organization],

Over the last number of years I/we have been pleased to support your work in our community. [Describe your relationship with the organization in one sentence.] Now, I/we find myself/ourselves in
a position where I am/we are asking for your support.

I am/We are writing to raise concerns about the issues we are currently facing with regards to Bill 115 – the Putting Students First Act – legislation that was passed by the Ontario government on September 11 which affects thousands of education workers across the province.

Bill 115 seeks to remove the right to free collective bargaining for all education workers in Ontario by imposing a settlement that was reached between a teachers’ union and the government. Moreover, it is an unprecedented attack on the basic rights of all workers as protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In September, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) stood alongside the presidents of CUPE Ontario and the two main teachers’ unions and declared their opposition to Bill 115. “We are concerned that this bill violates the right to meaningful collective bargaining,” said Sukanya Pillay, a CCLA director. She added, “People’s rights are not something to be trifled with. We are concerned that this legislation goes too far and violates the civil liberties of all Ontarians.”

Education support workers are the backbone of our schools. We need an agreement that recognizes and respects the value of the work we do in supporting student success.

Join us in calling on the government to repeal Bill 115 as we believe this legislation is wrong and will hurt students, families and communities.

Please show your support by contacting your MPP to express your concerns surrounding Bill 115 in order to defend Charter rights, ensuring a better future for all Ontarians.

In solidarity,

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