

Citizens for Public Justice

also known as the C.J.L. Foundation

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TO: ALL ONTARIO MPPs

Dear Madam/Sir:

RE: SUNDAY SHOPPING - AN APPEAL FOR A NON-PARTISAN SOLUTION

Many Ontarians are speaking out against wide-open Sunday shopping. Here's what some people have said:

The Liberals were elected to govern, not to pass the buck.

The Government should exercise its political responsibility, not abdicate it.

The Cabinet should do its duty and develop a provincial policy that respects the principle of a common pause day and will be enforced across Ontario.

The Liberals should work together with the New Democrats and the Conservatives, as well as with the municipalities, the business sector, the trade unions, the churches and other community groups that are vitally interested in the preservation of a common day of rest.

The well-being of our communities and families is at stake.

We must work together for the common good.

We must find a fair solution that does justice to the legitimate needs and human rights of the working people of Ontario.

Let's be reasonable and responsible.

Similar sentiments have been expressed time and again by many people of various backgrounds at numerous community events across Ontario. Prominent spokespersons representing various groups and tens of thousands of ordinary people have communicated their deep concerns to the Premier and his Cabinet colleagues, to the NDP and PC Leaders, to their MPPs and local politicians as well as to the media.

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The people of Ontario have not only voiced their strong objection to wide-open Sunday shopping. They have also stated their growing conviction that the Ontario Government must face up to its public responsibility and develop a province-wide policy that is rooted in social justice and fairness for all.

Citizens for Public Justice wholeheartedly supports the widespread demand for positive action by the Liberals. They should act in close cooperation with the opposition parties, the municipalities, and with business, labour, church and community organizations.

The people of Ontario deserve a non-partisan resolution to a controversial issue which, if pushed on to the municipalities, will divide our communities and hurt the social fabric of Ontario.

Nobody wants more conflict and polarization.

We urgently seek cooperation by all and fairness for all.

We need a common pause day throughout Ontario, with appropriate protection for religious minorities.

What will you and your party do to help make this a reality?

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

For CPJ-ONTARIO,



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