



Petition

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS patients receiving Psychotherapy treatment from a Registered Psychotherapist (RP) in private practice must pay HST on the fee charged;

WHEREAS Psychotherapy is a Health Service which, when provided within the scope of practice of members of any other regulated Health Profession (RHP), is HST-exempt;

WHEREAS the HST adds a financial barrier on top of the social and cultural stigma that can accompany mental illness;

WHEREAS there is a Federal Government process that allows groups to request the removal of HST from services;

WHEREAS there is confidence that the tax will eventually be removed by the Federal Government;

WHEREAS political staff have advised that a delay of three years is to be expected;

WHEREAS Ontario has in the past acted separately from the Federal Government to effectively remove the HST;

WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: Removal of HST on Psychotherapy be incorporated as a piece of the overall effort to make mental health care as accessible as possible to the citizens of Ontario.

Name (Printed)	Address (printed)	Signature

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