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RE: Bill 97, An Act to proclaim Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month

Dear Sirs,

As you may be aware on April 8th by Mr. Aris Babikian, MPP, Scarborough Agincourt, introduced **Bill 97, An Act to proclaim Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month** in the Ontario Legislature.

The purpose of this Bill is to recognize several genocides that have taken place, including the **Greek Pontian Genocide**, and proclaim the Month of April as Genocide Awareness, Commemoration, Prevention and Education Month.

For reference, and to view this Bill Summary you can go to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario page at https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-97

This is an extremely important piece of legislation for all Ontarians and contributes to awareness and advancement of human rights here and abroad.

The Canadian Hellenic Congress unequivocally supports this Bill and we are asking you and/or your organization to write a letter of support to Premier Ford, copy Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, your local Member of the Provincial Parliament and Mr. Babikian.

If you would like to find out who your MPP is so that you can contact him/her, you can do so by going to https://eregistration.elections.on.ca/en/election/search By keying in your postal code the information will show.

To assist you we have prepared a draft letter for you to use. Feel free to make appropriate changes that reflect your organization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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