

# Stop Ignoring Disabled and Poor Canadian Citizens!!!

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**ODSP Action Coalition and POOF Protecting ODSP OW Funding** are partnering up for a **June 1st, 2021** poverty protest. We demand that the Government double ODSP and OW Shelter and Basic Needs Allowances. The Shelter Allowances actually need to be tripled to reflect the true cost of average market rent which all clients need if they are not living in RGI Housing programs. Unfortunately Housing programs are full with long waiting lists leaving many ODSP and OW clients to use part or all of their Basic Needs Allowance to pay for over-priced Average Market Rent. We ask that ODSP and OW Shelter and Basic Needs Allowances be doubled so that Homeless ODSP and OW clients can have a shot at renting a place so they don't have to stay in encampments, tents or the Shelter System for up to 20 years waiting for their own apartment. If the Shelter Allowances do get doubled immediately ODSP and OW clients will still have to dip into their Basic Needs Allowance to cover the true cost of average market rent. They will still need some money for Healthy Food and other Necessities.

We ask that if you cannot make it to Toronto for the protest at **Queen's Park on June 1st, 2021 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm** that you create a protest in your own home-town, village or city, in solidarity with the one in Toronto.

If there is no good place to protest in your town or village go to the nearest Hwy intersection and protest there. You could protest at Politicians offices and City or Town Halls as well. Please do whatever works best for you. Please make other protest signs as well but please refrain from using vulgarity, cursing or profane language on your signs as we want the Media to air pictures, if any are willing to do so. Please contact the Media in your area and ask them to attend. Bring a lunch with you so you can keep up your energy.

We need unity all across Ontario and ask that you try to get family, friends and neighbors to join in this protest so that the Media and Government can't continue to ignore us. We will post reminders periodically up until June 1st, 2021 so please watch for them.

**ODSP Action Coalition and POOF Protecting ODSP OW Funding** thank you in advance for stepping up to help win this fight.

Sincerely,  
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