Petition

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Developmental Support Workers (DSWs) are the backbone of group homes and similar residential care facilities that deliver care for people with exceptionalities; and,

WHEREAS DSWs are taking care of some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, who deserve the same protections as so many other workers in our Province; and,

WHEREAS it is not mandatory for employers to cover workplace safety insurance benefits to DSWs, particularly in group homes where a majority of DSWs work;

WHEREAS Approximately 75 per cent of the Ontario labour force has WSIB coverage under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

Legislate or regulate an expansion of WSIB to offer mandatory coverage to all group home, day programs and retirement homes in Ontario by categorizing those who operate a residential care facility, day programs or group home a Schedule 1 Employer.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature