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OPEN LETTER

Dear Premier McGuinty,

Recently Manitoba amended its building code making carbon monoxide detectors mandatory in all existing homes. The state of Wisconsin passed a similar law last year that will come into force February 1, 2011 requiring carbon monoxide detectors in all homes. Ontario families deserve the same level of protection.

As you know, my private members bill, the *Hawkins-Gignac Act*, recently passed second reading unanimously. The bill is named after an Oxford family who tragically died from carbon monoxide poisoning. It would make carbon monoxide detectors mandatory in all Ontario homes.

After being introduced for the first time the bill was lost during prorogation last year. With an election coming in less than nine months we need to make sure this bill is not lost again.

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Ensuring that there is a working detector in every Ontario home is essential to preventing future tragedies.

Premier, I ask you to hold committee hearings when the Legislature returns and bring the *Hawkins-Gignac Act* forward for third reading this spring to ensure this life-saving legislation will not be lost again.

Sincerely,

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