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Hon. Dalton McGuinty  
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OPEN LETTER

Dear Premier McGuinty,

I am writing to ask you to direct your government House Leader to call Bill 69, *Hawkins Gignac Act* before the committee and bring it to the Legislature for third reading before the legislature recesses.

I introduced this bill following a tragedy in Woodstock, in which OPP Constable Laurie Hawkins, her husband Richard, and their two children, Cassandra and Jordan, were killed in their home by carbon monoxide poisoning. The bill is named *The Hawkins Gignac Act* in their honour.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of fatal poisonings in North America. My bill would require functioning carbon monoxide detectors in every Ontario home and save lives.

This bill passed first and second reading unanimously and was referred to committee. It died on the order paper when you prorogued the legislature.

I reintroduced the bill and once again it passed first and second reading unanimously. It was referred to committee on December 2, 2010 but in the past five months it has not moved forward. As you know if it is not brought forward for third reading before June 2 this lifesaving legislation will once again die on the order paper.

I recently read in the North Bay Nugget that your House Leader is supporting the bill and I can assure you that the PC House Leader and Caucus support it. The bill has passed first and second reading unanimously twice. There appears to be no reason that this bill should not move forward.

Premier, I ask you again to put safety of Ontarians first and ensure that the *Hawkins Gignac Act* is moved forward to committee and third reading before the Legislature recesses for the summer.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford

