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Waterloo Region Community Legal Services hosts virtual rally

KTICHENER, ON – On March 30, 2023, Waterloo Region Community Legal Services (WRCLS) is partnering with local organizations and advocacy groups to hold a virtual rally in response to the provincial government’s plan to cut health care funding for uninsured people in Ontario.

In March 2020, the Ontario government funded healthcare for everyone in Ontario, including those without the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). The provincial government is now planning to cut this program on March 31, 2023. Many Ontarians are extremely disappointed with this decision because of the devastating impacts it will have on vulnerable individuals and the healthcare system as a whole. Everyone in Ontario deserves equal access to healthcare.

In response, a rally is to take place on March 30th at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Queen’s Park, Toronto. As some advocates were unable to attend Toronto for the rally, the virtual rally is being held so that everyone has the opportunity to participate in protesting the proposed cuts to healthcare.

Speakers will include: people working in health care, people supporting migrant workers and people with lived experience. The link for registration is:

bit.ly/3LVS5Cx

Other ways to participate and help:

1. Sign the petition: <https://sites.google.com/view/healthcare4allcoalition/keep-uninsured-people-covered>
2. Contact your local MPP: <https://www.ola.org/en/members/current/contact-information>
3. Contact Doug Ford: premier@ontario.ca
4. Contact Health Minister Sylvia Jones: Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org

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