

Fix FRO Now!!

PETITION - To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS there have been ongoing issues with Family Responsibility Office (FRO) for many people involved with the program and their needs must be addressed immediately; and

WHEREAS many FRO recipients are forced to wait months or even years while payors' miss payments and arrears grow, before any enforcement action is taken or payments delivered; and

WHEREAS delinquent payors are able to "duck" the FRO system by moving and not reporting their new address, leaving recipients without monthly payments; and

WHEREAS payors going on social assistance do not receive any type of penalty for FRO arrears owing; and

WHEREAS some employers are slow to forward payments to FRO on behalf of the payor despite court orders directing for monthly payments; and

WHEREAS the courts indicate arrears accumulate after *one* month of missed or delayed payment, while the legislation requires *three* months of missed payments by the payor before any enforcement action is taken; and

WHEREAS many clients complain of condescending and belittling treatment by FRO customer service representatives

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: Fix FRO now and set up a review committee to identify inherent and fundamental program problems for immediate remedial action!

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature

Please print, and return: MPP Michael Harris, Queens Park, Room 448, Toronto, ON M7A1A2