PETITION

To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario: -

Whereas: The Provincial Government has cancelled the Northlander passenger train which served the residents of Northeastern Ontario,

And Whereas: The Provincial Government has closed bus stations and is cancelling bus routes despite promising enhanced bus services to replace the train,

And Whereas: The Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) has been given a mandate that its motor coach division must be self-sustaining,

And Whereas: Metrolinx, the Crown Corporation that provides train and bus service in the GTA of Toronto is subsidized by more than a hundred million dollars annually,

And Whereas: The subsidy to Metrolinx has increased annually for the last seven years:

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

To direct the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to reverse the decision to cancel bus routes immediately and to treat Northerners equitably in decisions regarding public transportation.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Signature