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JOHN YAKABUSKI, M.P.P. - RENFREW-NIPISSING-PEMBROKE

Petitions

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Lord's Prayer

Mr. John Yakabuski: I thank Rev. Brian Sharpe and the members of the congregation of Renfrew Presbyterian Church for this petition.

"To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

"Whereas the current Liberal government is proposing to eliminate the Lord's Prayer from its place at the beginning of daily proceedings in the Legislature; and

"Whereas the recitation of the Lord's Prayer has opened the Legislature every day since the 19th century; and

"Whereas the Lord's Prayer's message of forgiveness and the avoidance of evil is universal to the human condition; it is a valuable guide and lesson for a chamber that is too often an arena of conflict; and

"Whereas recognizing the diversity of the people of Ontario should be an inclusive process, not one which excludes traditions such as the Lord's Prayer;

"Therefore we, the undersigned, ask the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to preserve the daily recitation of the Lord's Prayer by the Speaker in the Legislature."< /p>

I support this petition and affix my signature and send it with Ida.