# Support Bill 165 - MPP Mike Colle's Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Care Ontario Act

## PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

**WHEREAS** Sickle cell and thalassemic disorders are chronic genetic diseases that can cause progressive organ dysfunction and premature death;

**WHEREAS** an estimated 5 per cent of the world's population are carriers of genetic traits for sickle cell or thalassemic disorders;

**WHEREAS** Ontario is home to over 75 per cent of Canadians living with sickle cell disorder, and the large majority of Canadians with thalassemic disorders;

**WHEREAS** Ontario already has Canada's only Newborn Screening Program for Sickle Cell, and has excellent programs and treatment centres at Sick Kids Hospital and Toronto General Hospital;

**WHEREAS** greater public awareness of these diseases and the benefits of genetic testing are needed in the Province of Ontario;

**WE THE UNDERSIGNED** support M.P.P. Mike Colle's **Bill 165: Sickle Cell and Thalassemia Care Ontario Act, 2011.**

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