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Dear Mr. Barber,

The legal clinic system in Ontario is important to me and to my community. Please listen to the clinics who are calling on the Standing Committee on Justice Policy to protect this system by improving the text of Bill 161.

Bill 161 must be changed so that the Legal Aid Services Act maintains its identification of legal clinics as the foundation for the provision clinic law services. Legal clinics must have the same Ontario-wide accessibility and clear definition and purpose that they do today. Legal clinics must be governed by the communities they serve and must not be impeded in providing access to justice for low-income and marginalized people.

Sincerely,
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