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**From:** Legislative Assembly of Ontario  
**Sent:** June 12, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** Standing Committee on Justice Policy  
**Cc:** Ellis, Victoria  
**Subject:** Webform submission: Submission of material 18406

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Bill or item of business: **Bill 161, Smarter and Stronger Justice Act, 2020**

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**Do you know the bill title or business (e.g., pre-budget consultations) you'd like to speak or submit material about?**

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Dear Mr. Barber,

The legal clinic system in Ontario is important to me as a law student and as a member of the Ontario community. I volunteer at legal clinics and I see firsthand its importance in assisting the local community, making the justice system more accessible, and saving costs in the long run by making the justice process more speedy and efficient. 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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