



Dear Thushitha Kobikrishna, Roman Barber and Committee Members,

The Ontario Cheerleading Federation is the PSO responsible for the sport of cheerleading in Ontario. Bill 218 will have a significant impact on our sport, and we would appreciate the opportunity to present in committee.

Cheerleading is a provisionally recognized Olympic sport, yet we are not recognized provincially or nationally in Canada. This lack of recognition has left our membership in a delicate position during the pandemic.

Our volunteer board has had to navigate many new responsibilities in order to confidently advocate and govern.

Cheerleading is unique. The All-star component of our industry is part business and part sport. The businesses who offer cheerleading are suffering. They are reliant on the OCF to communicate and interpret government laws and policies as they pertain to our sport. They must also defer to the OCF when it comes to communications with the government, its ministries and staff.

Having our PSO entirely responsible for governing commercial businesses creates significant liability concerns. The passage of this bill will relieve this pressure. It will allow us to make decisions with confidence and without fear.

While the OCF has been in existence for over 30 of years, we have only recently initiated recognition efforts. As we acclimate to the responsibilities associated with being a PSO in Ontario Bill C-218 will provide us with crucial coverage, and protection.

We look forward to the opportunity to be heard by the Ministry in support of Bill C-218 in person or via written submission. The Ontario Cheerleading Federations stands with the government on this most essential legislation. Thank you for all of your work on behalf of our province.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

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