PETITION - To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS tens of thousands of people rely on the high-quality services provided by the frontline workers at Addiction and Mental Health Services – Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (AMHS-KFLA); and

WHEREAS the vocational program provided by AMHS frontline workers is the area's **only** treatment-based vocational program; and

WHEREAS the residential program delivered by AMHS frontline workers provides compassionate housing with support to dozens of people and prevents increased homelessness in the area ; and

WHEREAS the South East Local Health Integration Network (SELHIN) last year hired a temporary supervisor from outside the area to manage AMHS-KFLA; which is inconsistent with the previous plan the SELHIN had for community mental health agencies; and

WHEREAS the temporary supervisor has, without consulting clients or staff, unilaterally decided to eliminate the agency's vocational program, drastically cuts its residential program, sell off properties that housed these clients, and layoff dozens of frontline workers who, between them, have hundreds of years of experience providing effective support to people struggling with addiction and/or mental illness; and

WHEREAS consistency and familiarity are key to the successful treatment of people struggling with addiction and/or mental illness; and

WHEREAS these cuts and layoffs will hurt clients and the community by increasing addiction, mental illness, and homelessness;

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: that the Minister of Health instruct the temporary supervisor at AMHS-KFLA to suspend these cuts and layoffs and undertake meaningful consultation with clients, staff, and community partners before making any significant changes to the services provided.

Name (printed)	Address including postal code (printed)	Signature

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