

# CUTS HURT US ALL



## AT RISK: INCOME SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

January 13, 2012

**MEMO TO:** All OPSEU members in the Ontario Disability Support Program  
All Local Presidents with OPS members

**FROM:** President Warren (Smokey) Thomas, OPSEU  
Roxanne Barnes, Chair, MCSS MERC

**Subject:** Lobby Kit

We wrote you on December 21 about our campaign to alert our members and the public about threats facing the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

Our campaign is picking up speed. We have received media coverage regarding our concerns that the progressive and unique elements of ODSP are at risk from either privatization if delivery is transferred to ServiceOntario, or integration with Ontario Works if delivery is downloaded to municipalities. Advocacy groups have contacted us wanting to find out more about our campaign and MPPs are starting to hear about the issue from local news media in their ridings.

It has become clear to us that the government has not informed their own MPPs about the options they are considering for the delivery of ODSP.

Therefore it is critical that we set up appointments with all government MPPs to inform them of our concerns and to ensure they raise them with Premier Dalton McGuinty, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan and the Minister of Community and Social Services, John Milloy.

Attached is a detailed lobby kit to help you start lobbying now. The Legislature does not resume sitting until Feb 21 so this is an ideal time to get an appointment with your local MPP.

Good luck!

In solidarity,

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Warren (Smokey) Thomas  
President

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Roxanne Barnes  
MERC/CERC Chair