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PETITION

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources has announced the end of overnight camping in ten provincial parks including nine in Northern Ontario (Caliper Lake, Fushimi Lake, Greenwater, Ivanhoe Lake, Mississagi, Obatanga, Rene Brunelle, The Shoals, and Tidewater); and,

WHEREAS this decision will result in job losses for Northern Ontarians and negatively impact tourism and Northern Ontario's way of life; and

WHEREAS local stakeholders and municipalities have not been consulted on these closures and have been denied the opportunity to make these parks more sustainable.

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:
To immediately suspend plans to cancel overnight camping at the nine Northern provincial parks named above; and

To consult with local municipalities, stakeholders and regional economic development organizations regarding the long-term viability of preserving Northern Ontario's provincial parks.

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