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Premier Doug Ford  
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September 16, 2021

Dear Premier Ford,

I'm incredibly disturbed by the recent allegations of drugging, sexual assault, and gender-based violence at Western University. I stand with the survivors and their families.

Students deserve to feel safe on university campuses.

Many students, families and Ontarians are feeling scared and hopeless in light of these reports. They are looking for direction, support and justice.

When it comes to community safety and well-being, Ontarians look to their governments for leadership. It is the government's responsibility to speak out and address the situation.

It's a positive step that your government is planning to move ahead with regulatory changes that protects survivors from questioning and discipline by schools.

But more needs to be done.

**Premier, I am asking you to immediately convene a taskforce to address sexual violence against women at university campuses.**

Surveys show that 70 per cent of those surveyed at Western reported being sexually harassed. And in the 2017-2018 academic year, nearly one in three respondents at Western said they had been sexually assaulted. This is sickening.

I'm also asking you to reinstate **Ontario's Expert Panel on Violence Against Women** that you disbanded, and **provide adequate funding for rape crisis centres.**

There also needs to be more funding available for sexual violence education and accessible mental health services on campus.

I'm asking you to commit to providing universities and campus groups with all the tools they require to address this pressing issue.

This is an issue that affects all of us. As parents, as members of the community, as Ontarians.

I'm available to meet with you to discuss how we can immediately take action to address this distressing situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Schreiner".

Mike Schreiner  
Leader, Green Party of Ontario

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Hon. Jill Dunlop

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Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition and ONDP

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