



ONTABA Statement on the Passage of Bill S-203

ONTABA applauds the passage of Bill S-203 as the first milestone towards improving the lives of people with autism. While the Bill is a positive step toward improving access to screening, diagnosis, financial support and research, it is essential that the eventual framework includes access to therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for whom it is appropriate. ONTABA is ready to offer our expertise and resources to assist in this important work. The framework outlined in this Bill, including long-term solutions for adults with autism, will greatly benefit provincial programs and the autism community. We look forward to working collaboratively with the government, self-advocates, families and other stakeholders to ensure that this framework is implemented effectively and efficiently.

We thank MP Mike Lake and Sen. Leo Housakos, for their unwavering dedication to advocating for those with autism and for sponsoring Bill S-203. We also want to thank MP Michael Coteau and Senator Peter Boehm for helping to pass this important legislation. Therapy and support for Canadians with autism is rightfully a bipartisan effort.