Subject: Please Support Bill 35: Protect Captive Wildlife in Ontario

Dear MPP

I am writing as a constituent to express my strong support for Bill 35, the Captive Wildlife Protection Act, and **to urge you to help move this important legislation forward.**

Ontario is the only province without comprehensive regulations governing the keeping of captive wildlife. As a result, primates and other exotic animals continue to be housed in roadside zoos and private facilities with no provincial standards for care, safety, or oversight. This gap puts animals at risk, places unnecessary burdens on municipalities, and creates preventable public safety concerns.

Bill 35 offers a practical, modern solution. It introduces licensing, enforceable standards, and clear expectations for facilities that keep captive wildlife. These measures would help prevent the kinds of welfare issues and unsafe conditions that have been documented across Ontario — including cases like Bruno, a baboon rescued from a roadside zoo whose rehabilitation at Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary, shows both the harm caused by inadequate oversight and the potential for meaningful change.

Bruno was kept in a windowless pen with rats as companions and no access to the outdoors. In sanctuary he is provided with choices - the freedom to go outdoors and the option to interact with other primates.

Please champion this legislation and work with your colleagues to move it forward. Ontarians like myself, want to see humane, responsible, and safe standards for captive wildlife.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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