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People from throughout Ontario are telling the Solicitor General, "We don't want Sunday Shopping!"

We're not sure Mrs. Smith is listening.

Since we ran this message on behalf of our employees, a groundswell of support has developed for our position against Sunday Shopping. Beginning with our original ad shown on the right and followed by an ad by a Toronto furniture store, Idomo, support is now coming from concerned retailers and citizens in nearly every Ontario municipality.

If the province sticks to its present position allowing municipalities to decide the issue, thousands upon thousands of Ontario families will undergo a damaging change in their lives . . . likely forever. In fact, we submit, our entire provincial way of life will change. There will be no common day of rest.

A recent London Chamber of Commerce survey of Londoners showed that 75% of respondents were against Sunday Shopping.

But, we're not sure Ontario's Solicitor General, London South M.P.P. Mrs. Joan Smith is listening. A recent Free Press article states . . . "she said legislation will be introduced as soon as the house resumes after the holiday break."

Obviously, more voices (including your voice) are needed to make the point. We need to show that we care. We need to tell her that **her government must care too.**

A Public Letter to the Hon. Mr. David Peterson, the Hon. Mrs. Joan Smith, and the Hon. Mr. Ron Van Horne.
Dear London M.P.P.s:
We are distressed and extremely displeased. Your recent about-turn on Sunday Shopping in the province, shows both a lack of leadership and a lack of caring.
Our company, Copp Building Materials Limited, has operated in London for 110 years. For more than six thousand consecutive Sundays, our customers have managed without our being open. They respect our day of rest. Clearly, you do not!
Your policies may lead to Sunday Shopping in London. Mr. T. Brayl Copp and our management do not wish to open, but competition may dictate that we must. If this happens, it will affect the family and home life of everyone who has signed below.
We urge you to stand strongly behind your original legislation. Do not pass the buck! While we value our customers immensely, we think they would agree with us . . . "On Sundays, it's more important to be with our families than in our stores."
Please show us and the thousands of retail employees who are your constituents, that you do care! **Stop Sunday Shopping!**

Please fill in this coupon and help Mrs. Smith understand that the people of Ontario neither need nor want Sunday Shopping.

Send it to Mrs. Joan Smith, M.P.P. London South, Queens Park, Toronto M7A 1A1 or bring it to our stores. We'll see that it reaches her!

Mrs. Smith, please listen to us.
Please reverse your position and Stop Sunday Shopping in Ontario.
Your present proposal will damage the quality of life of hundreds of thousands of Ontario families. We do not need Sunday Shopping. What we **do** need is a common day of rest for families to share. **STOP SUNDAY SHOPPING!**
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Address _____
City _____