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Dear Premier McGuinty

**RE: The York Children's Aid Society are abusing me and my family even more since my last letter to you!**

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote to you asking for your help to protect me from the York Region CAS. My family and I are being treated like criminals by the CAS. Since I wrote my letter to you, I want to report that things have gone from bad to worse. It almost seems like the CAS found out about my letter to you and are trying to restrict my rights even further in order to silence and punish me.

I am being told that I cannot communicate with people I know and trust. I have been told that I cannot speak with my father unless my calls are supervised. Since I wrote to you I am now being told I can't even see my teenage brothers. On Friday February 11, my father came to the school to watch my basketball game just like he has done for every game all year. This time, the school called the Barrie police and the police SWAT team showed up at the school with police officers wearing balaclavas! The CAS has convinced the school that my dad cannot see me when one judge already determined that he can, yet nobody at the school has asked me about what I know or about my feelings. The school just believes what CAS tells them to do without checking what the real facts are. The CAS are treating my father and my teenage brothers like terrorists. I tried to walk over to see my older brother at my school and was grabbed by the Vice Principal and physically restrained from walking over to see or to talk to my brother who is 17 years of age and goes to the high school. I feel like I am in prison. I'm 13 years of age and certainly don't need people claiming to "protect" me from my own family!

Last week, plans had been made for me to see one of my school friends, [REDACTED]. Drivers were set up and it was all planned. Just before my friend called, the CAS foster home parent told me that she had been told that CAS had informed her that I would not be allowed to see my girlfriend because

my father came to the school the day before to watch my game. The CAS are punishing me for not doing what they want, even though what they are doing is unwarranted and what they want, unjust. CAS was keeping me away from my friends and activities. I am very upset about this, and I feel that this is wrong. I haven't done ANYTHING with my friends out of school ever since I came into care (December 14, 2004). These CAS people wrecked my Christmas with my family as well.

I have written to my appointed Ontario Children's Lawyer but she has not written me back even though I requested her to do. I have asked my foster home to show me things in writing, but nobody wants to show me things in writing. I am not allowed to see court documents which relate to me.

In addition, another adult by the name of [REDACTED] who is 25 years of age and a truck driver who also lives in the foster home, handed me a note on a napkin which said, "GET OUT OF OUR HOUSE". He then walked downstairs and talked to his cousin (Donald.) At this point I was very scared and frightened so I grabbed the note, put it in my bag, and I went to school. [REDACTED] has been acting a bit weird lately and appears to not be pleased with me living in his home. I felt really frightened that he may try to do something to me. His note seemed like a threat to me. Since he gave me that note, I was having to lock my bedroom door at the foster home every night. I don't feel that I should be living in a foster house in constant fear of somebody, and jumping at every sound I hear at night. Why I am being forced to live like this by the York CAS when I have a loving home and family that I can live with.

I could not stand the stress that the CAS were putting on me so I have made the decision to get away from the CAS and to run away from the foster home where I was being forced to stay against my will. I am now out and back with my friends and family where I feel safe. The police have already called looking for me and may try to force me back to the CAS based on lies from the CAS workers.

As it seems that you were not able to help me when I was in the foster home, I am now asking that you help me outside of the foster home so that I will not be harassed by the York CAS or the police. If one of your priorities is to strengthen the people of Ontario as you say on your website, then help me to remain with my family and to return to school and to be with my friends. Please help stop the CAS from destroying my family and harassing and intimidating us.

If these CAS people do not leave me and my family alone and let me get back to school and be with my friends and family, I have asked my friends to copy and circulate my letters to the newspapers and to everyone at my school to tell them about how the York Region CAS is destroying my life and destroying my family. I have also given copies of my letters by e mail to my friends, with instructions to circulate my letters by e mail to let other kids know how I am being abused by the York region CAS and the family court system. It's these CAS people who should be investigated for abusing children and families!

As I said in my first letter, I would be pleased to meet you in person, so that you can ask me questions yourself and to see for yourself who I am if you have any doubt as to what I have said in this letter.

Do these CAS people have so much power that they can get away with destroying people's lives without even the Premier of Ontario being able to anything to stop this abuse? Surely, someone in the government must have the authority to stop these CAS people from abusing us kids and our families.

Yours truly

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