



Struck down.

On November 29, Doug Ford's Bill 124 was struck down by Ontario's Superior Court. As the decision makes clear, for the past three years Bill 124 has suppressed the wages of over a million workers in this province, cancelling their Charter rights.

Bill 124 is wrong in so many ways. It's unconstitutional. It's a direct attack on women, because the majority of the affected workers are female. It penalized nurses and health-care professionals at the exact moment they were facing down the COVID pandemic.

In his decision, the judge pointed out the blatant unfairness of Bill 124: "Ontario has not explained why it was necessary to infringe on constitutional rights to impose wage constraints while at the same time providing tax cuts or licence plate sticker refunds more than 10 times larger than the savings from the wage-restraint measure."

Ford said he will appeal the decision - a cynical delaying tactic that will prolong the injustice for many months. Taxpayers will be stuck with the legal bills, but it's the human cost of Ford's decisions that is so devastating - for nurses, patients, and the health-care system that serves us all.



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