

No appeal.

A month ago, Ontario's Superior Court ruled that Doug Ford's Bill 124 is unconstitutional. It was a powerful moment - a condemnation of the legislation, and a huge affirmation for nurses and a million other Ontario workers.

For more than three years, Bill 124 unfairly suppressed wages and cancelled people's rights. This deliberate undervaluing of nurses occurred during the pandemic, contributing to record levels of stress and burnout. Nurses responded by leaving their jobs and even their profession. The resulting nursing shortage has become a health-care crisis that is affecting every patient in this province.

By accepting the court's decision, the government could take responsibility and send a clear message that it's a new day for health care in Ontario, a gesture that would begin to repair the damage they've caused. But if Ford appeals the decision, the injustice of Bill 124 will continue and its toxic effects on public health care will spread. And then Doug Ford will face the judgement of a higher court - the court of public opinion.

