

# A PETITION TO SAVE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS IN YORK REGION

To: Mayors and Councillors of York Region Municipalities

Given that:

(a) York Regional Council voted to take away the public holidays for retail workers in every city and town in the Region, with no public consultation. Nobody who works in retail was ever asked for their opinion despite the impact it will have on the lives of over 64,000 workers in the Region. Retail workers will have to be available 364 days a year to work – only Christmas Day is exempt

(b) Past practice shows that workers will be scheduled to work on holidays, whether they are treated as optional or not;

(c) Holiday closures of retail workplaces offer much needed time for employees to rest and enjoy time with family and friends, just like everyone else.

We, the undersigned, residents, retail workers, community members and shoppers in York Region, petition the Mayors and Councillors of municipalities in York Region to:

1. Call on York Region Council to suspend the enactment of By-Law 2017-55 which allows stores to open on New Year’s Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day until there has been democratic public consultations.
2. Conduct community consultations on By-Law 2017-55 in the municipalities that make up York Region, ensuring effective outreach to residents, retail workers and small businesses.

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