



Petition

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Government created a Special Purpose Account (SPA) in 1997

WHEREAS the SPA pools together all revenues from Hunting & Fishing licensing fees, fines and royalties. The funds in the SPA are legislated to be reinvested back into wildlife management to improve hunting and angling across the province.

WHEREAS the government is refusing to release the details of the spending of the SPA

WHEREAS a recently obtained report showed SPA expenditures from 2011/12 revealed expenditures (i.e. \$69,000 spent to purchase and sell a house and \$55,000 devoted to psychologist) that are unrelated to wildlife management.

WHEREAS in the past the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has indicated that records for the SPA fund cannot be released as “*they do not exist*”

WHEREAS this is in direct contradiction to the *Financial Administration Act* that requires receipts and disbursement to be recorded for all Special Purpose Accounts.

THEREFORE we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That in the name of accountability and transparency the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry direct the Auditor General to conduct a value for money audit of the SPA fund.

Name (Print)	Address	Signature	Email

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