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Autism Community Takes Action Against Minister Todd Smith

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Minister Todd Smith took over the autism file two years ago and all he has been able to offer families with children with autism is a series of broken promises.

With Minister Smith at the helm, the waitlist for autism services has doubled to over 40,000 children.

Minister Smith broke his promise of having a needs-based program by April 1, 2020. A year later, children are still waiting.

Minister Smith says he spoke with families and stakeholders, but he didn't seem to listen. He has left the autism community in a state of crisis, with families struggling to access the support their children need. The autism community is fed up.

Join the Ontario Autism Coalition as it unveils their billboard in Minister Smith's riding, the first in a series of actions targeting the provincial government and its ministers. The autism community has provided advice, asked questions, and waited patiently for too long for the government to create a system that would provide life changing therapy for children with autism in our province.

We're done talking, it is time for action.

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