

Musings from St. Pauls

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[World AIDS Day](#)

Today is World Aids Day and what a disappointing day it has been.

Instead of the government announcing new funding, or even following through with the funding they promised, the government has sat on it's hands, merely appointing a panel.

And so yesterday I joined other protesters in Cawthra Square to show the Steven Harper that [cutting funding for AIDS prevention in Ontario](#) is unacceptable.

Ontario's Minister of Health George Smitherman has written a letter to Federal Health Minister Tony Clement:

"It is regrettable that during this time when the HIV/AIDS epidemic is unstable and increasing within some populations, your government has cut funding which will affect the very programs and services aimed at abating the epidemic. I am particularly concerned that these cuts will disproportionately impact Ontario. This signals a lack of leadership on and commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Ontario, and across Canada."

And MP Carolyn Bennett has written a [letter](#) to the Gates foundation.

This Government however, much like at the AIDS conference, seems to simply not care. Does it not understand that the best way to fight AIDS is to prevent people from getting it in the first place?

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