To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas, The IgA TTG blood screening is the internationally recognized standard as the first step in diagnosing a person with celiac disease.

Whereas, Celiac disease is an autoimmune disease that can strike people with a genetic pre-disposition at any time of life and presents with a large variety of non-specific signs and symptoms.

Whereas Many individuals, such as family members of diagnosed celiacs, are at higher risk and pre-symptomatic screening is advised.

Whereas Covering the cost of the simple test would dramatically reduce wait-times to diagnosis, save millions to the healthcare system due to misdiagnoses, unnecessary testing and serious complications from untreated celiac disease and reduce the painful suffering and health decline of thousands of individuals.

Whereas, Ontario is the only province in Canada not to cover this blood test.

Therefore, We the undersigned petition the Ontario Government to cover the cost of the diagnostic blood test (Iga TTG) for celiac disease for those who show symptoms, are a first-degree relative or have an associated condition.

Full Name	Signature	City/Town Residence

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