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Good Afternoon,

Last Thursday, Minister Sarkaria introduced legislation that would protect restaurants from high delivery fees charged by some food delivery companies. The *Supporting Local Restaurants Act, 2020* was passed today, as it would reduce fees charged by food delivery companies in areas where indoor dining is prohibited to help more small and independent restaurants stay in business. I am very pleased to confirm that the legislation has now been approved by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and received Royal Assent this afternoon.

Currently, fees placed on restaurants by food delivery companies can reach as high as 30% in Ontario. After working with the sector, the government intends to cap delivery fees at 15%, similar to what has been put in place in New York City, with an overall cap of 20% inclusive of all fees. This approach would ensure that delivery drivers' pay would be protected and delivery apps would not reduce service areas or restaurant selection.

This new law will:

- Give the government the authority to limit fees by regulation in places where indoor dining is prohibited due to public health measures.
- Permit fines of up to \$10 million to food delivery service companies that do not comply with the law.
- Provide food delivery company employees or contractors with protection that their compensation will not be affected by these changes.

Please feel free to share this information on your social media channels or with members accordingly. For your convenience, I have also provided the link of the news release from the Ontario government: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/59356/province-proposes-cap-on-delivery-fees-to-support-local-restaurants>

Please feel free to tag Minister Sarkaria, with link to his social media channels attached:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PrabSarkaria/status/1332006055115714568?s=20>

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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact David Ruiz, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at david.ruiz2@ontario.ca.

Best wishes,

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