

To all non-profit arts organizations and individuals in Ontario who support film or video:

Attached is a sample letter to Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) regarding the new proposed Ontario Film Classification Act. We are asking you for your help in getting the Act amended before it is scheduled to be passed by April 30<sup>th</sup>, so our time is very limited.

Please send your own version of the attached letter, signed by you and / or your organization, to your MPP – a link to their email addresses can be found below – and especially to Minister of Consumer and Business Affairs, Hon. Jim Watson, as soon as possible. Please adapt it to suit you in any way. (For example, individual supporters will need to change the “we are”s to “I am”).

Organizations are strongly encouraged to request meetings with Minister Watson and / or his Executive Assistant, which can be better. Please feel free to contact Roberto Ariganello ([director@lift.on.ca](mailto:director@lift.on.ca)) or John Porter (416-532-5129) with any questions or for assistance.

Please pass the attached letter and this covering letter to anyone else. The more supporters, the better!

Thank you. Ontario MPPs contact information is available here:

<http://olaap.ontla.on.ca/mpp/daCurMbr.do?locale=en>

We are an ad hoc coalition of artists and Board / Staff members of non-profit media arts organizations in Ontario, most of them member organizations of the Independent Media Arts Alliance (IMAA). On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, two of us met with Rosario Marchese, who is the NDP Culture Critic and MPP for Trinity-Spadina, which includes more non-profit arts organizations and artists than any other Ontario riding.

- Roberto Ariganello, Executive Director, Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT), and Alternate Board Member, IMAA, Ontario Region
- Linda Feeseey, Board of Directors, Pleasure Dome Artists' Film Exhibition Group, Toronto
- James Missen, Member of the Available Light Screening Collective, Ottawa, and Alternate Board Member, IMAA, Ontario Region
- Jonathon Pollard, Programmer, CineCycle, Toronto, and Member of Pleasure Dome
- John Porter, Member of LIFT, Images Festival, Pleasure Dome, and the Canadian Filmmakers' Distribution Centre, Toronto