

60,000 voices can't talk back.

The Ontario government has silenced its employees. Our job is to provide services to the public. We work in colleges, hospitals and offices. We drive snow-plows, inspect your food and protect your environmental rights.

The irony is that we have few rights ourselves. Many of us feel we are being used by the government.

Take for example the last budget. The government attempted to woo your vote by cutting back on the civil service.

This will save taxpayers a fifth of a cent on their tax dollar. That isn't even a pittance when you consider that the budget calls for over \$10-billion of your money.

You see, to the government we are political pawns.

And that's not good.

People who work with retarded children, the sick and the infirm, those who run our correctional centres and inspect our food have been cut back.

Public services will suffer.

But the government won't let us take part in the democratic process to bring about change.

For us that is illegal.

We can't canvass for a candidate. We can't speak or write publicly on any party's platform. We can't talk about the real issues.

We have fewer civil rights than other citizens. All we want is equality. And that won't cost taxpayers a cent.

... that you will vote for civil rights ... equal rights for everyone.