

# Petition to the Ontario Legislative Assembly: Eliminate the discriminatory practice of carding

**WHEREAS** the Honourable Michael H. Tulloch’s recent “Independent Street Checks Review” report found that carding, random street checks to obtain identifying information, has had a disproportionate impact on Black, racialized, and Indigenous communities and that the practice has been ineffective in reducing violent crime;

**WHEREAS** random stops based on arbitrary views of suspicious activity is systemically racist, resulting in people of African descent being 17 times more likely to be carded in downtown Toronto and 3 times more likely in Brampton and Mississauga;

**WHEREAS** carding is not and should not be viewed as a community engagement tool. It must be recognized as an approach rooted in past and present experiences of police aggression;

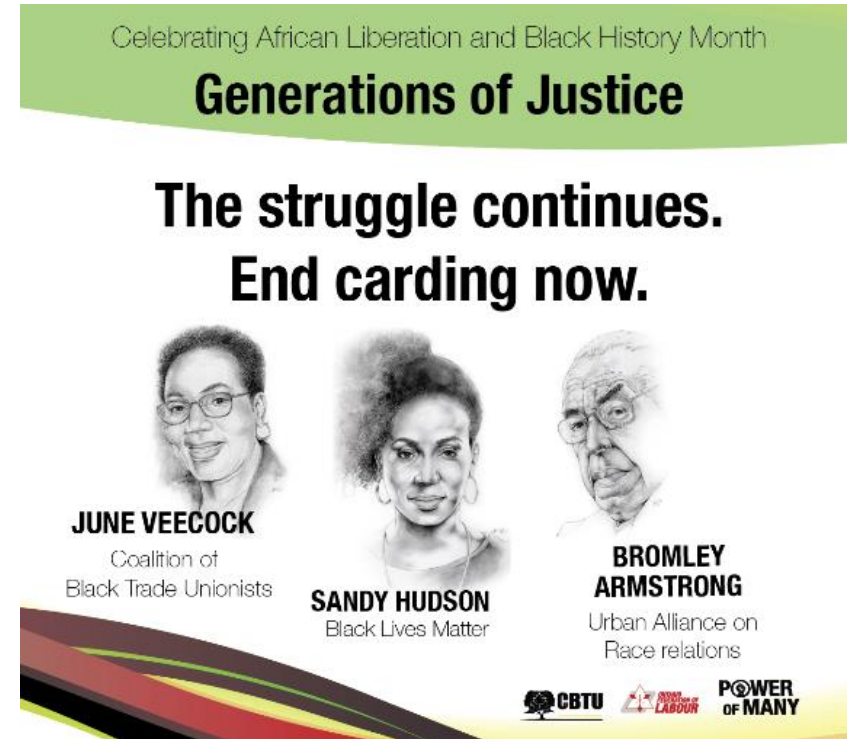
**WHEREAS** there is an undeniable imbalance of power between police officers and community members that is exacerbated when it is layered on top of a racial and gender dynamic;

**WHEREAS** there are significant concerns around the retention of data collected through carding, with decisions about data handling being left to individual police boards to determine for their own services. For example, the Toronto Police Services Board established a system that retains information but restricts access, leading to security concerns about access to this data which allows police to benefit from information obtained through damaging or possibly unconstitutional police stops; and

**WHEREAS** this oppressive practice has no place in Ontario, failing to reflect core values of inclusivity, political justice, and social freedom;

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED**, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to:

- ✓ DIRECT Police Services Boards and police chiefs to immediately end the practice of carding.
- ✓ DIRECT Police Services Boards and police chiefs to immediately delete all data collected through street checks.



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