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## Pro-life protest outside Duncan's office seeks end to abortion funding

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Matthew Charbonneau, 18, participates in a demonstration protesting the funding of abortions while outside the office of MPP Dwight Duncan on Lauzon Parkway Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012. (DAX MELMER/The Windsor Star)

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About two dozen protesters angry over the Ontario government's ongoing funding for abortion stood outside the office of Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's Windsor constituency office as part of a provincewide rally on Saturday.

The grassroots effort led by pro-life advocates involved protests outside the MPP constituency offices of more than 40 MPPs.

"I don't think a lot of people in Ontario understand that abortion is being paid for 100 per cent by the Ontario taxpayer," said Mike Cowan of Windsor, organizer of the protest outside Duncan's office.

"We are all pro-life here and would like to see abortion stopped, but what really hurts me even more is that I'm paying for it out of my taxes."

Those protesting Saturday estimated up to 50,000 abortions are performed annually across the province at a cost of about \$50 million under Ontario's Health Insurance plan (OHIP).

"Just think how many more doctors we could hire for that," Cowan said.

Duncan could not be reached Saturday for comment on the protest.

The groups participating Saturday in the Defund Abortion rallies are gearing up for collective protest at Queen's Park on Oct. 30, when thousands are expected to attend.

Protester Sharon Pelland of Tecumseh reflected how she first penned a letter to the government years ago expressing her displeasure with how her tax dollars were being spent on abortions, which she has strongly opposed.

"I've always felt my rights have been violated on this because I didn't have a choice on whether my tax dollars were going to abortion," she said outside Duncan's Lauzon Parkway office. "I'm really happy people are speaking out against this."



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