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### Jones Calls for Liberals to table the Provincial Budget immediately

(Queen's Park) –Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) and the Progressive Conservative Party today repeated their call for Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal's to stop delaying and create an economic plan for Ontario by releasing a provincial budget immediately.

“In the month of January, Ontario lost over 70,000 well paying jobs,” said Jones. “Our economy is in a state of crisis and the McGuinty government continues to sit back and ask us to weather the storm.’ As the numbers clearly point out, this economic storm is not passing. What Ontario really needs is an immediate budget to address the rising job losses and heavy tax burdens faced by Ontarians,” added Jones.

The PC Party has continued to express their willingness to work with the government to save Ontario jobs and help families and businesses. For over a year, the PC Party has been calling on the government to limit public sector hiring, cut the red tape in the job re-training programs for laid-off workers, eliminate the job killing capital tax (a tax on manufacturing innovation) and make business taxes competitive with other jurisdictions. Ontario cannot wait any longer for the McGuinty Liberals to put together a job plan for Ontario.

“The prosperity of Ontario has been well-known and built up for generations,” said Jones. “Now well paying jobs are being driven away, we have become a ‘have-not’ province, we have the highest tax rate for new business investment, the slowest rate of private sector growth, and a Liberal government that is turning a blind eye to all of it,” said Jones.

Since the last McGuinty budget, job losses have been in the hundreds of thousands. Since the McGuinty government has been elected in October 2003, Ontario has lost 272,400 manufacturing jobs alone, with no real plan to recoup those losses.

“Ontarians need a solid plan from their government” said Jones. “The first step in this plan is to table a budget immediately so that we have an opportunity to review that plan that will return Ontario to the thriving, vibrant province it once was,” added Jones.

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