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McGuinty Liberals Back Down and Allow More HST Exemptions

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) says intense public pressure has made the McGuinty Liberals back down on certain items their Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) grab will affect.

The McGuinty Liberals announced today that newspapers and meals under \$4.00 will now be exempt from the HST when it is scheduled to come into effect on Canada Day 2010. The Harmonized Sales Tax is a blending of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to a single 13% sales tax.

“It is obvious that the McGuinty Liberals are bowing to the intense public scrutiny they have been under since announcing the HST,” said Jones. “Families across Ontario have been signing petitions opposed to the HST. It is their hard work and calls for change that have made this exemption happen,” said Jones.

Each time the Liberal government grants an exemption it is further proof that the HST itself is poor policy that was never thought through.

“Plain and simple this is the wrong tax at the wrong time,” said Jones. “If you are opposed to this McGuinty Liberal's sales tax grab, I encourage you to go to my website and sign my petition opposing the HST. It is because of the many signatures we have received that McGuinty is backing down on this ill-advised, ill-timed tax grab on Ontario families. The Progressive Conservatives refuse to give up.”

The petition opposing the HST can be found at www.sylviajonesmpp.ca under the 'Petitions' tab. The petition is also available for signing at the constituency offices in both Bolton and Orangeville.

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