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One thing is clear: taxpayers are fed up with Dalton McGuinty. The McGuinty Liberal's recent handling of the severance packages handed out to HST tax collectors is no April Fool's joke. Only in a Dalton McGuinty Ontario can you be one of the 1,250 people to lose your job as a Provincial Sales Tax collector and get a new job as a Harmonized Sales Tax Collector the same day—all while being awarded a \$45,000 severance package.

The Progressive Conservative Caucus, led by Tim Hudak tabled an amendment to the budget that would return the hefty severance packages back to the taxpayer and help relieve the \$21.3 billion deficit. By 2012, Dalton McGuinty will have doubled the provincial debt after only 8 years in office—debt that will lead to higher taxes. This uncontrolled spending is partnered with a lack of accountability for taxpayers.

I am particularly troubled by the lack of any specific Budget measures to stimulate private sector job creation. All Ontarians are seeing is an out-of-gas government with the same high taxes and mismanagement spending that failed to prevent or prepare us for the economic downturn.

That is why Tim Hudak and the Progressive Conservative Caucus have unveiled their “10 for 2010” plan for Ontario, which outlines 10 ways to stimulate the economy and get Ontario growing again in 2010.

To encourage businesses to hire new employees and create jobs, we are calling for a one-year payroll tax holiday starting with the burdensome Health Tax and WSIB premiums on all new hires.

To stop the growing amount of red tape that costs everyone money and kills jobs, we would create a Red Tape Commission to lower the overall regulatory burden and free up entrepreneurs, farmers and business leaders to do what they do best: create jobs.

Helping Ontario families achieve the dream of home ownership is also a priority. To do this we would place a one-year suspension on the land-transfer tax, saving families \$3,000. This helps everyone, from young families creating a new beginning, to more jobs in construction.

We would also reform the troubled Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. We would overturn Liberal imposed legislation that requires independent operators and sole proprietors to pay \$11,000 per year in premiums for office and secretarial staff that will never set foot on a construction site. We'd also give small businesses permanent representation on the Board.

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To expand job opportunities for young workers in the skilled-trades, we would modernize Ontario's apprenticeship system by turning Ontario's outdated 3:1 journeyman-to-apprentice ratio into a 1:1 ratio.

I encourage everyone to visit www.10for2010.ca to see the 10 ideas Tim Hudak and our Party have to restore Ontario back to its former prosperity.

Please feel free to send me suggestions on how to stimulate Ontario's economy at www.sylviajonesmpp.ca.

Tim Hudak and I understand families and businesses have all had to make tough choices during last year's recession. Government needs to do the same thing. Ontario can lead again.

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