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Ontario PC's Will Scrap Liberal 'Eco-Tax' Grab: MPP Jones

(Queen's Park) – “The PC Party led by Tim Hudak will scrap the ‘eco-tax’ grab implemented July 1st by the McGuinty Liberals,” said Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon).

On July 1st, the McGuinty Liberals introduced a hidden ‘eco-tax’ which will be applied to many household items from calculators to toothbrushes, and sunscreen to batteries. The ‘eco-tax’ is charged before the HST is applied. Tim Hudak and the PC Caucus today committed to repealing the tax if elected in 2011.

“This is exactly how it looks—it’s a tax on a tax,” said Jones. “The McGuinty Liberals did not publicize this new tax for consumers. I have been receiving many calls from constituents who cannot believe how the ‘eco tax’ is inflating the cost of everyday household goods.”

The McGuinty Liberals have tried to disguise their latest tax grab as an environmental measure by labelling it an ‘eco-fee’. It is the latest in a growing pattern of Dalton McGuinty using the environment as an excuse for increasing the tax burden on Ontario families.

“Families are already feeling the pinch of the HST on their family budget,” said Jones. “Now every time Ontario families purchase essential items like smoke alarms, prescription drugs, toilet cleaner, laundry detergent and even sunscreen, they will be reminded that Dalton McGuinty is taking more out of their pocket.”

This is the third tax the McGuinty Liberals have implemented this year. In March, McGuinty snuck in the \$53 million energy tax on hydro bills, and the 13% HST and the hidden ‘eco-tax’ came into effect on July 1st.

“There was no advertisement, no notice that this ‘eco-tax’ was coming,” said Jones. “The McGuinty Liberals tax and spend policies have gotten so out of hand that they tried to hide one tax under another. But Ontario taxpayers are not being fooled.”

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QUICK FACTS:

Some of the 10,000 items included in Dalton McGuinty's eco tax grab are:

- Air conditioners
- Lamps
- Smoke alarms
- Car polish
- Calculators
- Lighters and Matches
- Electric razors
- Electric toothbrushes
- Travel alarm clocks
- Camcorders
- Lock de-icer
- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Paint in an aerosol can
- Tire pressure gauges
- Bath Toys
- Sunscreen
- Toilet cleaner
- Drywall putty
- Lantern
- Electric screw-drivers
- Mouse Traps
- Flashlight
- Answering machines
- Laundry Detergent
- Propane BBQ
- Swiffers

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