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McGuinty Liberals Have No Plan to Create Jobs in Ontario: MPP Jones

(Queen's Park) – Progressive Conservative MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) is wondering where the 146,000 new jobs are that the McGuinty Liberal promised in their 2009 Budget.

Since the 2009 budget announcement, Ontario has lost another 32,000 jobs. In October alone, Ontario has lost 12,000 jobs, skyrocketing the unemployment rate to 9.3%.

“It has been one year since the McGuinty Liberals announced we are now a have-not province,” said Jones. “Since then, Ontario has lost almost 206,000 jobs. When are the McGuinty Liberals going to produce an actual jobs plan that will return Ontario to prosperity? 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.

It was just two weeks ago that the McGuinty Liberals announced their record-breaking deficit of \$24.7 billion. With fewer jobs, higher taxes and huge spending scandals at numerous government agencies, the McGuinty Liberals have dug themselves and Ontario families into an even deeper hole.

“Ontarians are working harder than ever to pay down this McGuinty debt,” said Jones. “The McGuinty Liberals seem to be more focused on forcing more taxes on the backs of Ontario families then getting down to business and creating a solid jobs plan that works for this province.”

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Backgrounder

- In the 2009 Budget, the McGuinty Government promised to create 146,000 new jobs this year and 300,000 new jobs by the end 2010-11.
(<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ontariobudgets/2009/chpt1.html#chart7>)
- Statistics Canada's latest job numbers confirm that the McGuinty Government has, in fact, lost 32,000 thousand jobs since making this promise.
<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/subjects-sujets/labour-travail/lfs-epa/lfs-epa-eng.htm>.

The Ontario PC Caucus Small Business Jobs Plan would encourage jobs now by:

- Repealing the McGuinty government's job-killing Bill 119, which forces independent operators and sole proprietors into the WSIB system and requires WSIB coverage for office and secretarial staff who will never set foot on a construction site. This bill will cost affected small businesses more than \$11,000 in additional taxes each year.
- Ensuring permanent small business representation on the WSIB.
- Implementing a one year payroll tax holiday on new hires that will make it more affordable for businesses to hire new staff;
- Suspending the land-transfer tax for one year, which will make home ownership more affordable for young families – and help create new construction jobs.
- Re-instating a Red Tape Commission that will eliminate the many unnecessary regulations that punish small businesses.
- Implementing a moratorium on new regulations that will impact private sector job creation until the Red Tape Commission is in place to reduce the overall regulatory burden.
- Turning Ontario's 3:1 journeyman-to-apprentice ratio into a 1:1 ratio. This will help more young tradespeople into the market, and make it more affordable for small businesses to hire new workers.
- Suspending the McGuinty Government's decision to place 100% of the cost burden for the blue box program on small businesses. This places an unfair and unwarranted cost burden on businesses and manufacturers and will cost jobs. Instead, government should maintain the existing 50-50 split.
- Continuing to use every tool available to stop Dalton McGuinty's plan to merge the HST and PST into a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) that will take \$3 billion out of the pockets of consumers and kill jobs.

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