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Dear Ms. Cameron Pritchett:

Thank you very much for the Confederation of Canadian Unions' 2011 provincial election questionnaire. I am pleased to provide you with the attached response, which outlines the Ontario Liberal Party's position on these issues of key importance.

Ontario Liberals are the only party with a positive plan to move Ontario forward. Together, we got through the recession the Ontario way: we protected education and health care, stood by workers in the hardest hit industries, and worked together to find new opportunities for our province and our families. Our strong leadership, experienced team and thoughtful long-term plan are getting results for Ontario families.

Eight years ago, during the dark days of Conservative cuts and conflict, Ontario was moving backwards. Today, our schools are rated among the world's best, our health care ranks first in Canada, and old jobs are coming back while new jobs are being created in emerging industries like advanced manufacturing and clean energy.

Our plan is getting results and Ontario is solidly on track. The Hudak PCs would take us off track and put our fragile recovery at risk with their reckless schemes. We need to keep moving forward, together.

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Ms. Cameron Pritchett, thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Confederation of Canadian Unions' questionnaire — and please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dalton" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Premier

Enclosure

Questionnaire Response: Confederation of Canadian Unions

Economics

1. According to Statistics Canada, economic inequality has been on the rise since the 1970s, and as of 2005, the richest 10% of income earners controlled almost 60% of all wealth. How will your party reverse this trend and reduce the growing levels of economic inequality in Ontario?

Ontario Liberals believe in a province that creates opportunities for all. Our tax reforms, which include targeted tax credits for low- and middle-income Ontarians, have made our tax system more progressive — an analysis that has been confirmed by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. As a result of our reforms, 90,000 low-income Ontarians no longer pay personal income tax. We introduced Ontario's first-ever Poverty Reduction Strategy, with a legislated target to reduce child poverty by 25 per cent within five years. We introduced the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB), which is providing up to \$1,100 per child per year to over one million children and is helping families move from social assistance to employment more easily.

Our platform commits to increasing the OCB to \$1,310 per child per year. We have invested more funding — over \$2.5 billion — in affordable housing than any previous government. We have increased the minimum wage by 50 per cent to \$10.25 and have launched a Social Assistance Review to provide recommendations on how to improve the system and its interaction with the other income security systems available to Ontarians. Full-day kindergarten is saving families up to \$6,500 a year on child care, and our plan includes a grant worth 30 per cent of the average university or college tuition, which will make undergraduate education much more accessible.

Because of these investments, we have seen a significant shift of single-parent families moving off social assistance, from 42 per cent of cases in 2002 to only 30 per cent. A single mother with a small child working full-time at minimum wage has seen her income increase by \$10,500 since 2003. And, according to Statistics Canada, the poverty rate for children in Ontario fell between 2008 and 2009, meaning 19,000 children and their families have been lifted out of poverty.

2. Since 2001, the combined federal-provincial corporate tax rate in Ontario has been reduced from 44 percent to 25 percent, supposedly in order to "create jobs." Yet the unemployment rate in the province is higher today than it was ten years ago. What concrete policies will your party implement to actually create good-paying, full-time jobs in Ontario?

Ontario Liberals have invested significantly to increase the competitiveness of our economy, protect and create jobs, and position the province for long-term growth. Our tax reform plan cuts the tax rate on new business investment in half, resulting in higher capital investment and more jobs for Ontarians. Professor Jack Mintz estimated

that the impact of our plan will create an additional 600,000 jobs over the next 10 years and boost wages by up to 8.8 per cent over the same period.

In 2011, Ontario has led the country in job growth, creating more full-time jobs than the rest of the country combined. At 7.5 per cent, unemployment is at its lowest level since 2008 — and we have recovered more jobs than we lost in the global recession. Through the strong leadership of Ontario Liberals, our province has turned the corner and is back on track toward a more prosperous future.

But Ontario Liberals believe there is always more to be done. In our platform, *Forward. Together.*, Ontario Liberals commit to further reducing the small business corporate income tax rate to 4 per cent. We also commit to additional job-creating initiatives including:

- Doubling the amount of Premier-led trade missions from four to eight
- Tripling the number of successful start-up companies in the next five years by creating two new risk capital programs
- Increasing and enhancing our support for young entrepreneurs
- Enhancing our support for small and medium enterprises to help them increase access to new markets
- Creating a new Southwestern Ontario Economic Development Fund and making permanent the Eastern Ontario Development Fund and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.

Ontario Liberals have a strong record of job creation and are the only party with a positive plan to move Ontario's economy forward.

3. According to opinion polls, a large majority of Ontarians support greater funding for social services like health care, child care, housing and education. What will your party do to ensure these programs are properly funded in both the short and long term?

Ontario Liberals are the only party with a responsible plan to invest in core priorities like health care and education.

Our *Forward. Together.* plan outlines our commitment to investing in the priorities that matter to Ontario families. Over the next four years, Ontario Liberals will invest an additional \$6.4 billion in health care and \$2.1 billion in education funding. Our fully costed plan is the only one out of all three party platforms that has been independently reviewed by external economists.

The reckless PC platform has \$14 billion in unfunded tax giveaways that will return us to the days of deep unspecified cuts and hidden deficits. The disappointing NDP platform has a crushing \$9-billion tax increase that will kill the jobs and growth we need

to help return to a balanced budget. Neither the PCs nor the NDP have a credible plan to eliminate the deficit while protecting health care and education.

4. The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) in Ontario is a regressive tax that makes low income and working class families pay a higher percentage of their income in sales taxes than wealthier Ontarians. What will your party do to end the HST and instead place the burden of taxes on those who can afford to pay them?

Our tax reform plan, including the introduction of the HST, reduced the tax rate on new business investment, cut personal income taxes and introduced a number of low-income credits and transition grants. The overall effect was to create a more progressive tax system for individuals, while spurring economic growth and job creation.

A 2009 study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives confirms that our plan provided the most protection for low- and middle-income earners. After factoring in the effect of our credits, individuals in these brackets came out significantly ahead as a result of our tax reforms — even after accounting for the impact of the HST.

In addition to our tax reforms, the Ontario Liberal plan also provides help with household budgets. We are reducing the cost of electricity bills by 10 per cent through the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit. We will reduce the cost of the average undergraduate college and university tuition by 30 per cent. We will reduce child poverty by increasing the OCB from \$1,100 to \$1,310. We will double the Children's Activity Tax Credit, providing up to \$100 per year to help with the cost of soccer, music lessons, art classes and other activities. We will provide seniors with an annual tax credit of up to \$1,500 to offset the cost of accessibility renovations to their home. We are allowing seniors to defer property tax increases, interest-free, to help them be able to afford to remain at home.

5. Statistics Canada reports that on average, unionized workers in Ontario enjoy 29% higher wages than non-unionized workers in the same line of work, as well as stronger pensions, superior health and safety standards, longer vacation time, better health and drug benefits, and more rights in the workplace. Does your party believe that unions play a positive role in our economy? If so, what policies will your party implement to create a climate that is easier for unions to organize?

Ontario Liberals have restored a fair and balanced labour relations system to Ontario.

Ontario Liberals believe strongly in the collective bargaining process. We know that productive labour relations are the key to economic growth, productivity and prosperity, and give Ontario a competitive advantage.

We have all seen the results over the past two decades of NDP and PC governments swinging the pendulum from far left to far right on labour relations — confrontation and distrust.

On the other hand, Ontario Liberals have worked hard to bring a balanced and fair approach to labour relations, and the numbers demonstrate that our approach is working:

- Last year, 99 per cent of all negotiations in the province ended in settlements without a strike or lockout.
- In the Industrial, Commercial, Institutional (ICI) sector, there were no strikes and, in the entire construction sector, only one strike.
- Ontario has also seen eight years without any learning days lost to teacher strikes or lockouts.

Ontario cannot afford to go back to the days of cuts and unrest that Ontario saw under the former Harris-Hudak government — days of conflict and confrontation, hospital closures and lost school days, and billions of dollars in downloading costs to our municipal partners. And, unlike the NDP, who ripped up collective agreements, we are honouring existing collective agreements — and understand the value of negotiations in these agreements between our unions and businesses.

Ontario Liberals are committed to ensuring Ontario has a fair and balanced labour relations system.

6. While corporate profits, productivity and GDP have all increased consistently during the past thirty years, Statistics Canada reports that real hourly wages have been stagnant since 1980. Why do you think this has happened, and what does your party propose to change the situation?

Ontario Liberals are committed to ensuring Ontario is prepared to challenge the world and lay the foundation for Ontarians to compete for high-paying jobs. Experts say 70 per cent of the jobs created in the future will need workers with a postsecondary education. That is why the Ontario Liberal plan starts with education.

Students are succeeding because Ontario Liberals invested in smaller classes, repaired school buildings, made our schools healthier places for our children, hired 12,350 more teachers and ensured that students did not lose a single day to teacher strikes. We have also introduced full-day kindergarten — the first program of its kind in North America — to help our children become lifelong learners.

Ontario Liberals are investing in postsecondary institutions and providing financial assistance to students. Our plan is working. We have 200,000 more students in postsecondary education. We have doubled apprenticeships to 120,000. And now our plan for the future includes building three new leading-edge undergraduate campuses, creating an additional 60,000 more spaces and providing support to all middle-class Ontario families with a postsecondary undergraduate tuition grant that reduces the average tuition for an undergraduate education by 30 per cent.

Along with education, Ontario Liberals have transformed Ontario into one of the most competitive jurisdictions by introducing our tax reform plan. Over the next 10 years, our reforms are estimated to create 600,000 new jobs and increase wages by up to 8.8 per cent.

We will also continue to assist our most vulnerable workers. Ontario Liberals have increased Ontario's minimum wage by 50 per cent since 2003, helping many low-income working families and individuals. These increases outpaced inflation and helped make up for a nine-year freeze in Ontario's minimum wage from 1995 through 2003.

Health Care

7. Our publicly administered, universal health care system is cherished throughout Ontario. More of our health services, however, are being defunded and privatized. What policies will your party implement to ensure that health care in the province remains under public control and is accessible to everyone?

Ontarians firmly support our public health care system and Ontario Liberals are committed to a strong, publicly funded health care system that provides Ontarians access to health care based on their needs, not on their ability to pay.

We closed various loopholes that could result in extra billing and user fees, with the *Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act*. Through the *Excellent Care for All Act* we refocused our efforts on patient care. Among others, the legislation requires that health care organizations — starting with hospitals — develop and post annual quality improvement plans and link executive compensation to performance.

We also know that we need to find savings in our system to make it sustainable. We have taken steps in this direction — for example, last year's drug reforms. These are saving Ontarians \$500 million annually.

Ontario Liberals simply will not accept a two-tier, pay-your-way-to-the-front-of-the-line health care system, like the one the PCs tried to implement when they were in power.

We know there is always more to do, but we are proud of our accomplishments, and will continue to work hard to ensure the future of Ontario's public health care system.

8. There are more than 10,000 people in the province on waiting lists for home care, and 400,000 are actively seeking but cannot find a family doctor. What will your party do to fund more doctors, nursing positions and hospital beds throughout the province?

Ontario Liberals know Ontarians want better access to doctors. That is why we have worked so hard to increase the number of doctors in the province. We have had success. Today, there are nearly 2,900 more doctors practising in Ontario than in 2003. This has produced meaningful results: over 1.3 million Ontarians who did not have a doctor in 2003 have one today.

The increase in doctors did not happen by accident. We did this by creating 200 interdisciplinary Family Health Teams, which are currently providing care to over 2.6 million Ontarians and serving over 550,000 previously unattached patients.

We also expanded the number of medical school spaces so we can train more doctors, and we have more than doubled residency spots for International Medical Graduates.

In contrast, the PCs did nothing to increase medical school spaces for five years, resulting in the loss of hundreds of potential doctors. They did not reverse NDP billing caps and let doctors close their offices, increasing wait times.

The NDP cut medical school spaces by 13 per cent in 1993. They introduced billing caps for doctors in 1991, which led doctors to close their offices.

With respect to nursing, Ontario Liberals know that investing in nurses improves patient care. We have created over 11,600 new nursing positions since 2003. We made Ontario one of the few jurisdictions in the world to guarantee a full-time job opportunity for every nursing graduate. We opened Canada's first Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic in Sudbury and are funding 25 more. We increased the percentage of nurses working full-time by 14.5 per cent, from 49.5 per cent in 2003 to 63.9 per cent in 2008, and are determined to see 70 per cent of our nurses working full-time. These are just some of the initiatives Ontario Liberals have put in place to demonstrate our commitment to making Ontario the best place to practise as a nurse.

During their tenure, the PC government fired thousands of nurses, and the percentage of nurses working full-time dropped. Under the NDP the number of nurses working in the province dropped by nearly 3,000, and the percentage of nurses working full-time fell by three per cent.

When it comes to hospital beds, we have been able to increase funding for Ontario's hospitals, just like we have every year since 2003, even in these tough economic times. This exemplifies the Ontario Liberals' commitment to health care. Hospital funding in Ontario has increased from \$10.9 billion in 2003 to \$16.3 billion this year — nearly a 50 per cent increase.

Ontario Liberals are also working to transform health care in this province to meet the needs of an aging population — and that means we recognize that not all health care should be delivered in a hospital. That is why, in addition to continuing to steadily increase funding to hospitals, the Ontario Liberal plan also involves making the choice to begin to significantly increase funding to the community sector. The 2011 Budget includes a commitment to provide the community sector with three per cent more annual funding each of the next three years. This is the first time the community sector has ever received a multi-year funding commitment.

Only Ontario Liberals have a credible plan to continue investing in health care and meeting the health needs of Ontarians.

9. During the past fifteen years, more health services have been delisted from OHIP. Will your party make a commitment to end user fees and provide greater funding for eye care, home care and the Trillium Drug Program?

Ontario Liberals are committed to a strong, publicly funded health care system that provides Ontarians with access to health care based on their needs, not on their ability to pay. We have demonstrated our commitment with the passage of the *Commitment to the Future of Medicare Act* — legislation that closed various loopholes that could result in extra billing and user fees, and enhanced our ability to monitor and enforce such prohibitions.

Our 2011 election platform, *Forward. Together.*, is the next part of our plan to strengthen our public health care system.

We will start by bringing back house calls. If someone is unable to leave their home to see the doctor, the doctor will come to them. House calls could also be made by a nurse or occupational therapist to provide the care and treatment patients need, where they are most comfortable.

In addition, seniors who are at risk of injury or illness will have improved access to Personal Support Workers to provide them with the care they need at home. Our investments will provide up to three million hours of additional care for those in need.

The health care system can be intimidating and complicated. That is why we will also provide Health Care Coordinators to help guide patients through the health care

system. They will connect care between specialists and family doctors, hospitals and the community to help seniors who have been hospitalized within the previous 12 months. The best support is the care we get from our loved ones. That is why we will create a new Family Caregiver Leave. It will give working Ontarians up to eight weeks of job-protected time away from work to help a family member who cannot care for themselves because of serious injury or illness. We will also press the federal government to extend Employment Insurance protection to those who are making this difficult but rewarding commitment to their families, just as they have with Family Medical Leave.

Sometimes, renovations such as a new ramp to replace the front steps, a chair lift to the second floor or a walk-in shower to prevent falls are all that is needed to make home life safe for seniors. Our plan will help make these kinds of improvements more affordable. We will create a Healthy Home Renovation Tax Credit worth up to \$1,500 annually to go toward these changes.

Education

10. Only 20% of young children today have access to regulated child care spaces in Ontario. What will you do in government to create more child care spaces? Will you commit to investing more in Early Childhood Education in the province?

We are the only level of government that continues to meet and exceed its child care commitments. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing child care services because we know how important child care is for children and families.

We have increased investment in child care by more than 63 per cent and helped to create nearly 80,000 additional licensed child care spaces across the province. We are helping to make child care more affordable by providing 43,000 new fee subsidies annually. We have also expanded full-fee subsidy eligibility to families earning under \$20,000.

The Harper government's scrapping of the national child care agreement cut approximately \$450 million annually from Ontario's child care system. The province stepped in with a permanent annual investment of over \$63.5 million to save over 8,500 child care spaces and help 1,000 child care workers keep their jobs.

We have introduced North America's first full-day kindergarten program for all four- and five-year-olds, giving children an early start in school and setting them on the road to success. Full-day kindergarten (FDK) will be available in all Ontario schools by September 2014 and will save families up to \$6,500 per year in child care expenses.

When fully implemented, about 250,000 four- and five-year-olds will participate in the program — roughly the same number of children that are in the entire 0–12 licensed child care system today. We recognize that the implementation of FDK will have an impact on child care operations, so we will phase it in over five years, allowing child care operators time to adjust to the changes the new initiative will bring. We are also providing transition funding, growing to \$51 million annually, to help stabilize child care centres. And, we are also providing \$12 million over five years to help non-profit child care centres make retrofits and renovations to serve younger children.

We are making important changes to Ontario's child care and early learning programming to better serve the needs of our children and their families, but we recognize that there is more to do.

Once full-day kindergarten is fully in place, we will make sure all schools offer after-school programs for children age 6–12. Parents will be able to drop their kids off in the morning, and pick them up at the end of the day, knowing they have been in good hands. An important focus of these programs will be to get our children active. Fee subsidies will be available for eligible families, and further transition funding will be provided to licensed child care centres when the new 6–12 initiative is introduced.

We will also work with our partners to modernize Ontario's child care system and support centres as they transition to offering affordable care to families with younger children.

11. What specific policies will your party implement to hire more teachers and reduce class sizes in primary and secondary schools in Ontario?

Ontario Liberals understand the importance of smaller class sizes. Students who experience success in the early grades are more likely to stay in school and go on to achieve success in high school, and beyond.

Overall, we have hired over 12,350 more teachers to help support students in their learning and to reduce class sizes — and we will be hiring an additional 3,800 teachers and approximately 20,000 Early Childhood Educators to fully implement full-day kindergarten. We have also hired over 9,000 additional support staff.

Last year, 97 per cent of all primary classes, including full-day kindergarten, had 23 students or fewer, and 90 per cent had 20 students or fewer. We have also made progress in reducing class sizes for older children, reducing the average class size for grades 4 to 8 from 25.6 in 2003–04 to 24.6 in 2009–10. To meet our target for smaller class sizes, we also built nearly 2,000 additional classrooms.

This progress is in stark contrast to the record of the previous PC government, which made cuts that caused class sizes to balloon: only 31 per cent of classes had 20

students or fewer in 2003. That meant children did not get the one-on-one attention so vital in the early years.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together with teachers, federations and support staff unions, but we know there is more to do. We will continue to build on our progress as we move Ontario's education system forward.

12. Ontario university students with loans currently graduate with an average of \$37,000 of debt after a four-year degree, and our province has the lowest rate of public funding for colleges and universities - less than half the per student funding of Alberta. What will your party do to lower tuition fees and reduce student debt?

Ontario has one of the most generous student assistance programs in the country. Both the PCs and NDP let tuition skyrocket. When we first took office, we froze tuition for two years. We then instituted a tuition framework that limits tuition increases to no more than five per cent per year.

Ontario Liberals have also reinstated up-front grants for students — which the NDP eliminated and the PCs failed to bring back. We cap the amount of debt a student can take on each year at \$7,300. Any assistance a student qualified for above that amount is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant.

For those students struggling to repay their loans once they have finished school, we also introduced the Repayment Assistance Plan. Borrowers experiencing financial difficulty are not asked to pay more than 20 per cent of their family income toward their loans, and those in severe financial difficulty will not have to make payments at all — and after 15 years all debt is forgiven.

But we know this is not enough — and have proposed a new postsecondary tuition grant that would take 30 per cent off the cost of tuition for full-time college and undergraduate students whose families make less than \$160,000 per year. This would equal \$1,600 for university students and \$730 for college students.

With our new tuition grant, over \$1 billion annually — over half of our financial aid investment in students — would be in non-repayable grants. The NDP eliminated up-front grants and the PCs did not bring them back.

The Environment

13. What policies will your party implement to reduce climate change and protect the environment, and how will you pay for them?

Our climate change targets are among the most aggressive in North America — six per cent below 1990 levels by 2014, 15 per cent by 2020 — and we are making solid progress on these targets. Today, coal use in Ontario is down more than 90 per cent from 2003 levels. We are the fastest-growing jurisdiction for renewables, thanks to our *Green Energy Act*, and we are the only party solidly committed to this program (the NDP would wipe out private projects over 20 megawatts (MW) — the projects that are generating the vast majority of renewable power in the province).

We have passed an award-winning *Places to Grow Act* to rein in urban sprawl, and put more investments into public transit than any government in Canada in over 40 years. In addition, we have a plan that would see Ontario with one in 20 passenger vehicles being electric by 2020.

Cap and trade is part of the Ontario Liberal plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change. We currently co-chair the Western Climate Initiative, which is developing a cap-and-trade system for participating states and provinces.

On energy efficiency, our Long-Term Energy Plan has one of the continent's most aggressive conservation targets. We also received a grade of A+ on the most recent National Energy Efficiency Report Card from the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance. The Report Card analyzes the policies of each province and territory and the federal government.

14. Nuclear power in the province of Ontario has been a decades-long testament to inefficiency, debt and environmental endangerment. The province of Ontario has never in its history completed a nuclear power plant on time or on budget. What will your party do to reduce our dependence on nuclear power and invest in environmentally friendly forms of energy?

Our plan reduces how much nuclear power we rely on. Currently, over half of our electricity comes from nuclear but, under our plan, the proportion of our electricity that comes from nuclear will fall from 52 per cent to 46 per cent.

We are shutting down older nuclear units at Pickering, taking 3000 MW of nuclear capacity offline. They will be replaced with units that have only 2000 MW of nuclear capacity at a different location.

When we are replacing our older nuclear units, we will make public safety the number one priority. We will incorporate the most advanced safety measures in the world. We will also ensure that we get a price that is affordable for families and is competitive with the price of renewable energy.

In contrast, the PCs and the NDP have both pledged to cancel our investments, taking us backwards to a dirty, unreliable electricity system. The PCs have a \$14-billion dollar hole in their platform and would kill Ontario's clean energy economy, eliminating thousands of jobs and throwing our economy off track. The NDP oppose renewable energy and our Feed-in Tariff program: they would sacrifice billions of dollars in private sector investment, thousands of jobs and the promise of cleaner air.

15. One of the best ways to reduce our carbon footprint on the environment is public transportation. What will you do to make public transportation throughout the province more affordable and accessible to Ontarians?

Ontario Liberals recognize the importance of an integrated transportation system that focuses on all options to keep our economy moving and reduce emissions. Since 2003 we have applied this approach to:

- Expand the focus of the Ministry of Transportation to include all modes of transportation, including public transit, active transportation and — in collaboration with our federal and municipal partners — areas such as marine, rail and air.
- Create Metrolinx, an integrated regional transit authority to improve public transit across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. Its \$50-billion Big Move plan will get people out of cars and onto transit and reduce congestion on our roads.
- Invest over \$10.8 billion to support public transit.

During their term, the PCs filled in the hole dug for the Eglinton subway, contributed nothing to GO Transit and downloaded responsibility for it onto municipalities. The NDP platform virtually ignores transit. They have consistently opposed strategic projects such as the Georgetown South GO Corridor expansion and the construction of the Air Rail Link.

Ontario Liberals are supporting municipalities in their efforts to develop an integrated transportation system. After years of neglect by the PCs and NDP, in 2003 we got to work on investing in public transit — over \$10 billion to communities across the province. We delivered on our commitment to provide two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenues as a source of long-term, sustainable funding for public transit. Since 2003, that funding has provided 120 communities with 93 municipal transit services and \$1.9 billion to improve and upgrade transit.

In the next phase of the Ontario Liberal Plan, *Forward. Together.*, we will expand GO train service by delivering full-day, two-way GO train service on all corridors — that is the equivalent of 71 million fewer car trips annually.

Unlike the PCs and NDP, we believe in dedicated funding to support municipal public transit. When other parties were in power, they did nothing to support public transit. Both the PCs and NDP voted against our provincial budgets, which included dedicated funding for municipal transit projects.

Ontario liberals are the only party with a strong plan to keep Ontario moving forward, together. Ontario Liberals believe in investing in public transit — a better system will enable people to spend less time waiting for transit and more time with their families, and to enjoy more accessible service than ever before.