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Ms. Joanie Cameron Pritchett
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Dear Ms. Cameron Pritchett,

Thank you for your survey about issues important to your members and for giving me the opportunity to tell you about *changebook*.

Under Dalton McGuinty, almost 300,000 manufacturing sector jobs have vanished. In August alone, we lost another 2,800 jobs. Despite this, Dalton McGuinty clings to the belief that the key to economic growth is to hike taxes on hardworking families and productive businesses in order to fund government-subsidized jobs. The result? There are 550,000 unemployed people in Ontario looking for work.

In order to ensure we have the resources we need to fund the programs and priorities that families care about most, we need to have a strong economy. I believe that small businesses are the backbone of our economy. But sadly, I hear almost daily from small business owners that Dalton McGuinty's tax grabs, excessive red tape, and skyrocketing hydro rates are handcuffing small businesses' ability to create jobs.

The Ontario PC Party has different approach. We believe in freeing the job creators and letting customers and markets determine which companies succeed and grow – not bureaucrats or politicians.

An Ontario PC government will implement a five-point plan to create private-sector jobs in Ontario:

- Treat energy policy as economic policy – not as a social program.
- Train 200,000 more skilled workers by expanding the apprenticeship system.
- Reduce taxes on job creators.
- Eliminate job-killing red tape.
- Lower taxes on families.

Ontario families have told us that health care and education are their top priorities – and that's why we have made them the top spending priorities for an Ontario PC government.

For all we pay in taxes, we should be getting the best care in the country. Yet Dalton McGuinty wasted over \$1 billion on the eHealth boondoggle and \$300 million on massive new LHIN bureaucracies that don't provide a single minute of care. Families can't afford four more years of Dalton McGuinty's waste.

Ontario's health system is struggling to meet the demands of its aging population. Nearly a million Ontario families still don't have a family doctor and have to wait up to 25 hours in emergency rooms in order to get the care they need. And wait times for seniors needing long-term care or home care are even worse; at 173 days or higher. And this election, Dalton McGuinty is offering more of the same.



An Ontario PC government will introduce a series of patient centered reforms that make the patient, not bureaucracies or administrators, the focus of our health system. Health care will be our number one spending priority, and we will grow annual investments by more than \$6 billion by the end of our first term. We will improve health care for Ontario seniors with 40,000 long-term care beds and will bring more doctors to the communities that need them. We will establish wait time guarantees for emergency room visits and will give seniors more control over their home care services. And we will introduce a rigorous system of patient satisfaction and health outcome measures.

Dalton McGuinty is also failing our kids. Today, 32% of our Grade 3 and 6 students are still failing to master reading, writing and math. Instead of helping our children reach their full potential, it seem Dalton McGuinty is spending more time focusing on bizarre priorities like scrapping the fall elementary report card, calling for cell phones in schools, teaching sex ed to six year olds and banning chocolate milk in cafeterias. This is simply unacceptable.

It's time for change in Ontario. Change built on a focused plan that puts Ontario students first. We will increase investments in our kids' classrooms and the tools that help them learn, by \$2 billion over our first term. We will implement full-day kindergarten for all 4 and 5 year olds, by 2014. We will free teachers to teach, giving them the support and discretion to do what they know is right for their own classroom. We will also reinstate fall report cards for elementary students that were eliminated last year. And we will expand the use of technology in teaching.

Like any parent, I also want our environment to be safe, clean, and sustainable for my daughter, and for future generations. After all, everything we do affects the environment in some way. In that sense, there is an environmental element to many of the policies we have proposed throughout this election. Committing to clean energy and reducing traffic congestion are just two examples.

We are also committed to closing Ontario's coal plants by 2014. Dalton McGuinty has broken his promise to accomplish this goal twice, and he is even promising it again. An Ontario PC government will finish the job Dalton McGuinty couldn't get done.

We will also take steps to make government buildings more energy efficient. And we will work with other provincial governments, the federal government, and our international partners to ensure Ontario is doing its part to combat climate change.

To learn more about our plan to bring change to Ontario, please visit www.changebook.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader