

## **Ontario Creating and Protecting Jobs by Cutting Red Tape**

*Making Ontario Open for Business Act Will Get Government Out of the Way of the Job Creators*

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QUEENS PARK — Today Stephen Crawford, MPP shared details on how the Ontario PC Government is acting to help create and protect jobs in Ontario by reducing the regulatory burden on Ontario businesses and workers.

The *Making Ontario Open for Business Act* will, if passed by Ontario's Legislature, enable Ontario employers to boost job creation and investment by cutting unnecessary regulations that are inefficient, inflexible and out of date, while maintaining standards to keep Ontarians safe and healthy.

"Businesses told us that the Liberals created a regulatory burden that chased businesses and jobs out of Ontario and we can't afford to ignore the problem any longer" said Crawford. "This legislation is great for job creators, and great for any person looking to find work in Ontario. By reducing the red-tape burden we are once again making Ontario one of the best places in the world to invest, and create jobs. And we believe that anybody who is prepared to work hard deserves a shot at a better job."

The *Making Ontario Open for Business Act* will, if passed by Ontario's Legislature, change the Liberals' ideological minimum wage scheme to a sustainable solution which will be indexed to inflation starting in 2020. The *Act* will also replace the Liberals' disastrous Personal Emergency Leave rules and instead ensure workers will be able to take up to three days for personal illness, two for bereavement and three for family responsibilities while maintaining leave provisions for victims of domestic or sexual violence. The *Act* will also open up jobs for Ontarians interested in the skilled trades by reducing journeyman-to-apprenticeship ratios at one-to-one and winding down the complex, job killing bureaucracy at the Ontario College of Trades.

"At the heart of our plan is the conviction that Ontario can once again be a great place to invest, grow and create jobs," said Crawford "We're cutting red tape, creating new jobs and telling the world, loud and clear that Ontario is open for business."

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