

Dear Ms McCormack,

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On behalf of Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak, I would like to thank you for your email regarding ODSP. Tim appreciates you taking the time to share your views on this issue.

As much as government needs to be accountable, individuals have the same responsibility. In some cases, it is up to the government to make those responsibilities very clear. Tim Hudak and a PC government will modernize the welfare system to make it fairer, both for society's neediest and as well for those who pay for it. The goal of welfare should be straightforward; to help our neediest rebuild their lives, get out of the system, develop useful skills, and get a full-time job. We will help more people exit the welfare system and enter the working world. The worst repeat offenders of welfare fraud will face tough penalties, up to a lifetime ban.

A Tim Hudak government will allow Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients who work part-time to keep more of their benefits and ease their transition from social assistance to a job. Finding and maintaining a job should be applauded, not penalized. We will also require welfare recipients to be residents of Ontario for ONE YEAR before collecting benefits. Ontario tax dollars support welfare payments. They show our commitment to helping those in need, but it's only fair that recipients have a similar level of commitment to Ontario.

Dalton McGuinty has sprung more new and unexpected taxes and costs on Ontario families, taking more and more out of their budget. The HST, health tax, eco taxes, and skyrocketing hydro bills are just some examples. Under Dalton McGuinty, life in Ontario has become more unaffordable for families. It is not just all his taxes. Dalton McGuinty's expensive energy experiments have contributed to skyrocketing hydro bills. It is clear that our families need relief. Changebook offers a plan to deliver respect and relief to Ontario's families. The HST has made life unaffordable. We will remove the provincial portion of the HST from the hydro bills and home heating bills. We will also remove the Debt Retirement Charge, which offers families another 5% savings on their hydro bills. Our changebook commits to eliminate greedy eco taxes Dalton McGuinty added to thousands of items the very same day he brought in the HST. Our changebook plan for families to save 5% on their first \$75,000 of taxable income will put \$258 back into the pockets of many each and every year. In addition, our income-sharing plan will allow couples to save up to \$1,400 a year in taxable income.

Changebook also lays out our plan to will double the caregiver tax credit.

That's compassion and it's the relief families taking care of growing children and aging parents need.

The last eight years have been tough on our families. Ontario needs change. Change that puts families first. Changebook is how a Tim Hudak government will take Ontario forward responsibly, with respect for the people of this province who pay the bills. The choice on October 6th is clear. More tax increases, more surprises, more misplaced priorities, more experiments with your money, and more of your money wasted on bureaucracy and bloat. Or you can join with families across our province to make a better choice. A choice to put our families first. A choice for a Tim Hudak government.

To learn more about Changebook and the Ontario PC Party's plan for change in Ontario, I invite you to visit [www.changebook.ca](http://www.changebook.ca).

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