

Our Values:

6. We believe that Ontarians are overtaxed and that our tax system must be simplified, reorganized, and taxes reduced.
9. We believe that all three levels of government in Canada must have unique and non-overlapping responsibilities.
11. We believe that Ontario's population, her growth, and her economy must be sustainable in regards to our environment.
12. We believe that both rural (including northern) and urban Ontario are necessary partners for a bright Ontario future.
13. We believe that a well-educated population translates into a high standard of living.
17. We believe that modern & well-planned infrastructure is needed to ensure the safety and prosperity of our citizens.

Manufacturing Reform is needed in Ontario:

Ontario's economy has been based around manufacturing since the end of the Second World War. Over the past 50 years it has grown in leaps and bounds to supply emerging markets around the globe. In more recent years a number of free trade agreements have offered the prospect of corporate growth in these new markets, but have also brought serious challenges for our manufacturers. Our taxes, payroll taxes, rising labour costs, falling productivity of our workers, a soaring Canadian Dollar, and the rise of modern, low-cost business rivals in foreign lands have all contributed to shrinking prospects in this vital Ontario economic sector. The 2008/09 world financial crisis which impacted the automotive and real estate markets have contributed to over 300,000 jobs lost in Ontario manufacturing. Our ageing manufacturing infrastructure & technologies do not help this situation, and just-in-time delivery encourages sending work off shore, causing additional job losses. Minimum wage increases of recent years have been too large and caused further unnecessary job loss. Red Tape from our three levels of government also hurts our manufacturers.

To that end, we propose the following remedies:

1. Reduce overall taxes on corporate profits, initially from 10% to 8%, a drop of 20%.
2. Encourage through tax reductions businesses to each hire 1% more employees.
3. Through tax reductions encourage the investment of business taxes into product/service research & development, especially in products of the future, as well as in new state-of-the-art manufacturing processes.
4. Strengthen Ontario's efforts to assist exporters to develop new markets and increase market share in overseas markets.
5. Encourage a dialogue with organized labour to reduce the cost of such labour and improve Ontario's price advantage through free trade.
6. By taking over employment insurance and pension programmes in Ontario, we will be able to reduce payroll taxes for business, further improving their competitive position.
7. Bring in measures aimed at increasing worker productivity.
8. Freeze the minimum wage at the 2009 level.
9. Introduce tax measures to encourage parts manufacturers to locate in closer proximity to assembly plants, thus reducing offshore sourcing and reducing the demand on Ontario's transportation infrastructure and the pollution it causes.
10. Launch a "Buy Ontarian" programme to encourage Ontarians to shop local and buy "Made In Ontario" goods & services.
11. Reduce Red Tape by eliminating the overlap between provincial, federal & municipal responsibilities.