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MCGUINITY LIBERALS HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT BUDGET IMPACTS AND MORE JOB LOSSES IN DURHAM! AGAIN!

*Ouellette questions Economic Development Minister over more job losses due to
harmonization of PST and GST*

(Queen's Park) – Today in the Ontario Legislature, Jerry Ouellette, MPP Oshawa questioned Economic Development Minister, Michael Bryant on the job losses that could result from the harmonization of the GST and PST.

The Region of Durham has been substantially hit with job losses and we can't afford to loose any more jobs with this poorly drafted and planned implementation of the HST.

The federal government will administer the HST, which could affect the jobs of more than 1,200 employees of the Ministry of Revenue in Oshawa, Whitby and Pickering who currently administer the PST.

“Oshawa and the Region of Durham cannot afford to lose any more jobs,” stated Ouellette, “too many families are suffering as it is.”

The provincial Ministry of Revenue office, where the Provincial Sales Tax is administered, is located in downtown Oshawa. Local businesses, including restaurants, coffee shops, and convenience stores, will suffer even more.

“The people of Ontario cannot afford to pay more taxes, or lose any more jobs,” said Ouellette, “With this weakened economy; this harmonized tax does nothing more than add additional taxes to the over taxed and future non-employed residents.”

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