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Ouellette – A PC Government Will Scrap Dalton McGuinty's Eco-Tax

Ontario PC Caucus calls on Dalton McGuinty today to rescind his eco-tax

(Oshawa) Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette along with Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak and the PC caucus today called on Dalton McGuinty to scrap his so-called 'eco – tax' and committed that, if the McGuinty Liberals fail to eliminate their latest tax-grab, then a future Ontario PC Government will.

On July 1st, the McGuinty Government was caught trying to sneak in this latest tax in the shadow of their HST tax grab. The funds are collected and levied by a secretive McGuinty government agency and are subsequently spent without any meaningful transparency or accountability regarding whether this money actually succeeds in reducing waste or helping the environment.

Thousands of products were slapped with the new eco-tax including household items like dish detergent, hairspray, batteries, thermometers and even fire extinguishers yet the McGuinty government tried to keep this tax hidden and made no effort to advertise it.

Ontario families saw the same pattern with the \$53 million hidden energy tax Dalton McGuinty slapped on their hydro bills in March earlier this year.

“Residents of Oshawa have been expressing their frustration after discovering this new tax on their recent purchase receipts”, explains Ouellette. “Only Dalton McGuinty would try to hide one tax grab under another tax grab.”

Some of the 10,000 items included in Dalton McGuinty's eco-tax grab are:

- Air conditioners
- Lamps
- Smoke alarms
- Car polish
- Calculators
- Lighters and Matches
- Electric razors
- Electric toothbrushes
- Travel alarm clocks
- Camcorders
- Lock de-icer
- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Paint in an aerosol can
- Tire pressure gauges
- Bath Toys
- Sunblock
- Toilet cleaner
- Drywall putty
- Lantern
- Electric screw-drivers
- Mouse Traps
- Flashlight
- Answering machines
- Laundry Detergent
- Propane BBQ
- Swiffers

“Today, my caucus colleagues and I are calling on Dalton McGuinty to scrap his eco-tax grab before another Ontario parent pays it on bath toys or sunblock for their kids and before another Ontario senior pays it on laundry detergent or batteries for their TV remote,” states Ouellette. “And if the McGuinty Liberals won’t scrap this tax, than a PC Government will.”

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