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Ouellette Disappointed in the McGuinty Government's Dismissal of Ontarians

Jerry Ouellette Slams McGuinty Government 2009 Budget

(Queen's Park) – From your Tim Horton's in the morning to every time you fill up your gas tank, you'll pay 8% more!!!

The McGuinty Budget introduced the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) in yesterday's budget. This tax will end up costing Ontarians around \$3000 a year. McGuinty has "promised" to give Ontarians a break by doling out cheques for families with incomes less than \$160,000 a year.

"I am very disappointed in the McGuinty budget," stated Ouellette, "Giving Ontarians \$1000 in three payments over the next two years is, in no way, enough, compared to the almost \$6000 taxpayers will have to pay out for the new HST tax".

The real issue is that as the McGuinty's government has moved us away from a manufacturing-based economy to a service-based economy, they have had to replace lost provincial revenues; hence the \$4.2 Billion increase in tax revenues to be received as the merged taxes are fully implemented. Remember, next year at this time, you will be paying an additional 8% for; your taxes to be done; your haircuts; your labour costs to repair your house, and on and on.

One business stated "In order to be competitive with China, they will just shut off their till an hour before closing to cover the added taxes". They believe this will give incentive to promote the underground economy.

"In the face of the current economic state", said Ouellette, "the last thing Ontarians need are more taxes".

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