

# Public services, not business bonuses

Ontario's public services are in rough shape.

Hospital beds are closing. Children's Aid Societies are facing bankruptcy. In children's mental health, waiting lists are so long that children grow up before they get treatment. Colleges are laying off support staff, even as enrollments rise. And years after Mike Harris, the public service is still cutting jobs.

**ONTARIO HAS THE SECOND-LOWEST PROGRAM SPENDING PER PERSON OF ANY PROVINCE OR TERRITORY IN CANADA.**

It's not just public services that are hurting. Low-income people are being hit hard, too. The latest Ontario budget raised social assistance payments by just one per cent; with inflation, that's a cut. Worse still, Queen's Park chopped the nutrition allowance that helped 124,000 people on social assistance get enough to eat.

So why are profitable corporations getting tax breaks?

Starting July 1, cuts to the corporate income tax rate - charged on profits - will cut government revenues by half a billion dollars. Those cuts will give corporations \$1.4 billion next year and \$1.8 billion the year after, the government says.

Premier Dalton McGuinty's priorities are upside down.

These tax cuts won't create jobs. Why? Because when corporations in Canada get a tax break, the thing they like to do best is pay out more in bonuses.

**IN THE 2009 FISCAL YEAR, THE BIG SIX BANKS ALONE PAID OUT \$8.3 BILLION IN BONUSES.**

Don't let anyone fool you: There is a lot of money in Ontario. But while some people can pay \$950-a-plate to attend a Dalton McGuinty fundraiser, 350,000 Ontarians visit food banks every month.

It's time to invest in public services. It's time to invest in people. It's time to stop the corporate tax cuts.

**Invest in public services  
STOP THE CORPORATE TAX CUTS**

