

# **NO MORE CUTS**

## **Rebuild our public services!**

**SECOND  
EDITION  
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Deficits? Fiscal mismanagement?

Sorry, we  
~~won't pay~~  
already paid!

The Liberal government has tabled a wage offer of 2, 2, and 2 per cent in each successive year of a proposed three-year contract.

Sound good? To some it may. After all, Finance Minister Greg Sorbara said last year that he lived in a “two per cent world.”

This “generosity” is anything but.

Compare the two per cent on the table to what’s happening with today’s prices. Inflation is currently running at 2.3 per cent. That means that everything you buy costs 2.3 per cent more than it did last year. A two per cent wage increase actually equals a net loss of 0.3 per cent per year.

Don’t forget: You have already taken a seven per cent wage cut. How? Thanks to inflation, OPSEU members make seven per cent less today than they did in 1994. That’s a loss of \$2,500 a year for the average member.

The sacrifices OPSEU members had made during the reign of Mike Harris went directly to corporate tax cuts. We didn’t create the deficit. Actually, when you think about it, we *paid* the employer for allowing us to work.

We’re not paying anymore. We’re not making anymore sacrifices. The government’s two per cent solution is a wage loss, not a gain.

Don’t be fooled.

# What's on the table:

*Bargaining proposal as of May 12, 2005*

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## **EMPLOYER PROPOSAL**

### **Monetary**

- increase all rates across the board effective January 1, 2005 – 2%
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- increase all rates across the board effective January 1, 2007 – 2%
- above increases to be compounded

## **UNION PROPOSAL**

- 3.9% each year of the c.a. with the adjustments applying equal to LTIP recipients
- Full retroactivity with implementation within 30 days and with all increases compounded