

# It's time to rebuild

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Dear

I'm writing to you because I am a public service worker and I am not satisfied with the McGuinty government's approach to bargaining in the Ontario Public Service.

My workplace has been hit with severe cutbacks for the past ten years. It's already had a serious impact on me, my family and our community. I struggle to provide a great service with fewer and fewer staff. The result is a very stressful working environment.

Your government officially announced plans to cut a further 6,000 to 7,000 jobs out of an already decimated public service. You continue to freeze hiring, privatize jobs, use high price consultants and low-paid, exploited temp agency workers to do our work. **Now you want significant concessions to my collective agreement and my livelihood.**

Dalton McGuinty said that he valued the work that I did. You and your government have said you want to bring labour peace to this province. Cutting my job and demanding concessions at the bargaining table tells a completely different story.

Remember those cuts will have a further impact on me, either because I may lose my job or because I will lose a very valuable service that my family and this community relies on.

Talk of runaway deficits ring hollow. You cannot bring fiscal balance by repeatedly targeting Ontario public sector workers to carry the burden of restraint. Your plan to cut government spending down to just 12.2 per cent of the GDP is the wrong direction to go. Our jobs are vital and contribute to the economic growth of our province.

As you debate your spring budget, remember you have options. You can start by fixing your revenue problem. Reverse the Tory tax cuts. Stop the lay-offs.

Please tell Dalton McGuinty that I'm proud of the work I do. I'm proud of the service I provide. Stop making it harder for me to do my job.

Support the foundation of the public service - the front-line employees, like me - by bargaining a collective agreement that repairs the damage caused by the Tories. Show me and the people of Ontario the respect that we deserve by rebuilding a public service that we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

