

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT CUTS TO PUBLIC SERVICES?

Public services: Keep us **safe and healthy**

Build our economy • Give everyone a **better quality of life**

BECAUSE YOU USE THEM.

Starting this summer, Premier Dalton McGuinty will eliminate 1,900 vital public service jobs. More job cuts are planned for next year. As well, the government aims to contract-out or privatize services.

Public services are delivered by people. Whether a job is eliminated by attrition, not replacing a retired employee, or by a layoff, there is an impact on the services that people rely on. **A job cut is a service cut.**

THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

- › Higher user fees.
- › Less enforcement of laws and regulations; more reliance on industry self-regulation.
- › Programs and services delivered less frequently or not at all.
- › Contracting-out or privatizing services that result in companies cutting corners on quality to maximize profits.
- › Delays and increased wait times for processing government forms and legal documents.
- › Greater risk to the privacy of your personal information.
- › Less accountability to the public.
- › Less spending in communities where there are job losses.

CUTS HURT US ALL

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LET'S CHALLENGE THE AUSTERITY AGENDA

October 6 is Election Day in Ontario.

The Liberal plan

as outlined in the 2011 Ontario Budget:

- › \$1.5 billion in spending cuts over 3 years
- › review of all programs directly delivered by government for possible privatization
- › review of all programs funded by government for possible privatization
- › further 1,500 job cuts for total job losses of 5,000 by 2014

The Conservative plan

according to their election platform:

- › 2 per cent annual cut to spending, leading to \$2.3 billion in cuts by the fourth year, say the Liberals
- › require public sector workers to compete with the private sector for government contracts
- › evaluate government assets for sell-off
- › cut an undisclosed number of jobs

The Liberals and Conservatives claim they will spare health care and education from spending cuts.

Do you believe them?

In the U.K., the coalition government brought in much deeper spending cuts than promised during the 2010 election campaign, including drastic cuts to health care.

1,900 public service jobs are on Dalton McGuinty's chopping block.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO:

Protect your health card from fraud • Protect our air, land, water, forests, fish and wildlife • Ensure day cares are safe for children • Keep unsafe trucks off the road • Deliver safe water to your tap • Dispatch ambulances to emergencies • Help the disabled live with dignity • Assist with hundreds of job training programs • Secure violent offenders • Keep contaminated meat out of the food supply • Investigate workplace accidents • Keep long-term care residents safe and secure • Monitor contractors who fix our bridges and roads • Answer all government inquiries • Prepare and process DNA orders for criminal charges • Process divorces, restraining orders, and court orders for child and spousal support • Renew drivers' licenses • Help children and youth with complex mental health needs • Preserve important historical sites and natural wonders • Keep you safe by monitoring offenders in the community • Help Ontario companies grow and create jobs.