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of small businesses across Canada

SMALL BUSINESS APPLAUDS ONTARIO'S FAIR HYDRO PLAN

TORONTO, ONTARIO—March 25th 2017) – The Small Business Matters Coalition, representing thousands of small and medium size businesses in Ontario, welcomed the recent announcement of the province's Fair Hydro Plan. For many small businesses, the continued upward spiral of energy costs and the uncertainty over where rates were going in the next few years, was creating widespread concern. For small businesses, these costs also carry a disproportionately heavier burden. But, according to Coalition Chair Gary Sands, "Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan has demonstrated that the Wynne government is sensitive to the needs of small business and understands the unique challenges faced by our members."

Sands added that the measures announced earlier this month "ensures that there will be rate stability for all businesses in the next four years and that for most of our small business members, they will see an actual reduction in their energy costs. Those savings will allow small business to continue to reinvest in their businesses, create jobs and source local products."

The Small Business Matters Coalition lauded the support of Premier Wynne's office, along with that of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Jeff Leal, who also holds responsibility for the small business portfolio, for responding to the concerns of small businesses across Ontario.

Small and medium size businesses have invested in the bricks and mortar of their businesses, paying taxes, and are an important part of the fabric of a myriad of communities across Ontario. "The recognition of this by the Ontario government and their willingness to support us as partners on what is an increasingly challenging and competitive landscape in a changing economy, is very much appreciated" said Sands.

The [Small Business Matters Coalition](#) was formed in 2014 to represent the interests of Canada's small businesses. The coalition is comprised of trade associations that represent in excess of 100,000 small business sites operating in Canada.



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