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Thibeault's lack of self-awareness

Minister Glenn Thibeault demonstrates an incredible lack of self-awareness when he states in his first paragraph that, "PC MPP Rick Nicholls' column is proof that his party will say anything to get elected." That's rich, minister. Minister Thibeault's next point is to say "...let's get some facts straight," and then launches into extolling the reductions in the Fair Hydro Plan.

Well, the facts are this "reduction" is being paid for with borrowed money that will end up costing Ontarians more in the long run, while failing to address the root cause of why the rates are so high in the first place, mainly because of the disastrous Green Energy Act.

This is merely a shell game whose bill will have to be paid back, with interest, by my children and grandchildren. Even celebrated Canadian politician and "Father of socialized medicine" Tommy Douglas, a socialist, understood that debt is bad because the interest that must be paid takes money away from much needed social programs.

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Minister Thibeault, your government has been in power for almost 15 years. What has your government done to correct these "harmful" cuts? Oh, that's right; you did nothing.

In regards to the minimum wage, no one is arguing that people shouldn't be paid a decent wage, but the real problem is not a \$15 wage, but the speed at which your government is raising it; a 31% increase over 15 months. Even our public sector unions don't have the chutzpah to ask for such an increase.

It also deserves to be said that most workers in all professions don't stay at the minimum wage, but will eventually rise up through the pay scales either through hard work or promotion to a higher wage job.

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Finally, your claim of 40,000 jobs in the renewable energy industry is greatly exaggerated, along with the fact that for every one job created (mostly temporary construction jobs), two have been lost due to your government's disastrous handling of the energy file.

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