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The Premier has made it clear that she will continue to fight for Ontario workers and jobs. Joined by Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, she is currently meeting with U.S. governors and political leaders at the National Governors Association meeting in Washington, D.C. to reinforce how important free trade is to economies on both sides of the border.

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Also Today:

- Starting March 1, 2018, Ontario will ban unsolicited, door-to-door sales of certain household appliances to better protect consumers from aggressive and misleading contracting at home. Businesses will only be able to enter into a contract in the consumer's home if the consumer has contacted the business ahead of time and invited them into their home for the purpose of entering into a contract. Contracts that are in violation of the new rules relating to door-to-door contract solicitation will be considered void, and consumers will be able to keep the goods and services with no obligations. The new rules will apply to:
 - o Air cleaners
 - o Air conditioners
 - o Air purifiers
 - o Duct cleaning services
 - o Furnaces
 - o Water filters
 - o Water heaters
 - o Water purifiers
 - o Water softeners
 - o Water treatment devices
 - o Bundles of these goods and services

In addition, businesses will be required to keep a record of how contact with the consumer entering the contract was made, and provide consumers with information about their rights before a contract is signed through a plain language disclosure document. All contracts signed in the home for these goods and services will also have a 10-day cooling-off period, allowing consumers to cancel the contract for any reason without penalty.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes **historic new investments in health care**, including free **medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare**, providing free **tuition to over 210,000 students** and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by **reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent** on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to **make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.

