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Premier Kathleen Wynne is in Ottawa today for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference. This afternoon the Premier will participate in a fireside chat with Richard Brennan to discuss how the changing global economy is creating unfairness in people's lives and how local policies can help build a fairer Ontario.

Also today:

- Ontario is partnering with Pilkington Glass of Canada Ltd. to help them invest in new technologies and grow their business, creating 58 jobs and retaining 237 positions. Ann Hoggarth, MPP for Barrie, made the announcement today on behalf of Jeff Leal, Minister Responsible for Small Business. [Pilkington Glass of Canada](#) manufactures windshields for the automotive industry. With support from the [Southwestern Ontario Development Fund](#), the company will add new lamination and assembly lines to its production facility in Collingwood. This will help Pilkington produce up to 2.6 million windshields per year. Investing in manufacturing is part of our plan to create jobs, grow the economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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- Ontario is partnering with [Atlantic Braids Ltd.](#) to help expand its facilities in Chute-à-Blondeau, creating nine new jobs and retaining 18 positions. Jeff Leal, Minister Responsible for Small Business, made the announcement today with Grant Crack, MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. Atlantic Braids is a leading family-owned manufacturer of ropes for many industries, including oil, arboriculture and mining. It produces customized ropes for a wide range of uses, from bungee cords used in theatre sets to ropes used to tow military planes and boats. With support from the [Eastern Ontario Development Fund](#), the company is purchasing a new building and production equipment. Investing in Eastern Ontario businesses is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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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 who has OHIP coverage through the OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Program, providing free average tuition to over 210,000 students starting fall 2017 and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 more kids aged 0–4 access quality, licensed child care, 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.