

RE: Windsor Cap and Trade Story

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Thank you

From: Nasser, Jenan (MCI)
Sent: July-11-17 10:08 AM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Subject: Re: Windsor Cap and Trade Story

Hi Blane,

She will be attending at 4pm

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From: "McPhail, Blane (OPO)" <Blane.McPhail@ontario.ca>
Sent: Jul 11, 2017 9:48 AM
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Subject: RE: Windsor Cap and Trade Story

Hey – when is your Minister going on CBC again?

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: July-10-17 4:18 PM
To: Nasser, Jenan (MCI)
Subject: Windsor Cap and Trade Story

Hey Jenan,

Here's the story we were talking about. See below for our statement.

<http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/pc-leader-brown-promises-to-scrap-cap-and-trade-help-greenhouse-growers>

Thanks

Blane

Ontario needs a realistic approach that balances action with affordability to fight climate change. Patrick Brown's carbon tax scheme – which he carefully avoided mentioning today – accomplishes neither. His scheme would cost families and businesses four times more without guaranteeing any reductions. It would also scrap the investments we are making to help businesses reduce costs, including up to \$115 million over four years for agricultural businesses like greenhouses.

The harm Patrick Brown would cause to the sector doesn't end there. His opposition to the Fair Hydro

Plan means greenhouses using under 500 kW would no longer be eligible for the 25 percent reduction on their bills. Should he choose to scrap the Industrial Conservation Initiative, larger greenhouses would lose the chance to save as much as one third off their bills too. Our recently announced \$19 million Greenhouse Competitiveness and Innovation Initiative, which will help industry lower production costs and increase productivity, could also be at risk.

The reality is that despite opposition claims, Ontario's greenhouse industry is growing. The independent Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers expects the industry to keep growing by about 150 acres a year. Producers like NatureFresh and Greenhill Produce have also recently announced expansions totaling over \$100 million that will create hundreds of new jobs, building on the 81,000 jobs already here.

In this environment, Ontario needs a balanced plan to fight climate change. And with the federal government moving forward with a plan that will soon see all of Canada covered by a carbon price, we need a solution that makes sense for Ontario. That's why our plan, which includes a cap on the pollution businesses can release into the air, is best. It guarantees emission reductions at the cheapest price for people and the economy while also reinvesting every dollar to help keep costs for business low. Patrick Brown's inefficient, ineffective and unaffordable carbon tax scheme doesn't even come close.