

What I hear all the way across the province is that people are anxious about their jobs and their futures.

With all the change and uncertainty in the economy and the nature of work itself, it's tough to feel as though you are getting ahead right now.

It's a funny thing. The evidence tells us we are making progress.

We're outperforming other jurisdictions

But while business is expanding and creating wealth — not everyone is feeling it

It instead feels like a time of volatility and change.

And with this uncertainty, we have to protect our people as best we can.

We need to address the concerns of those who worry about falling behind, even as they work so hard to get ahead. And create opportunities so people feel confident about the future

I truly believe that that is the role of government. You've heard me say it before. I believe government must be a force for good

The good news is that we have the ability to support families and build opportunity: because we balanced our Budget.

You've heard a lot from us over the past months. I've been talking about different elements of our plan to build a better Ontario based on fairness.

Free tuition, expanded childcare, free prescription drugs for anyone under 25 —we have focused on strengthening health care and education

We've also announced a basic income pilot, and our Fair Hydro and Fair Housing Plans

And tomorrow I'll be talking about changes that will create fairer workplaces with better jobs.

These initiatives all have the same thing in common. The motivation behind each of them is the same.

They will help build an Ontario where greater opportunity is available for everyone and greater security is achievable for everyone.

Because better is definitely possible.