

Re: P proposed language on HST increase

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Thanks Rebecca. I'm prepping for a 1025 interview with Bill Curry. Will provide these lines if there are no edits.

Hoping to hear back from bill soon.

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"Not for a minute, not for a second would I consider it. The only direction I would consider taking the sales tax is down, not up.

Look, we're trying to help people get ahead. And so it's just not fair to even consider this.

Especially at a time when we're making the largest infrastructure investment in the history of the province. 190B over next 13 years. To put that in perspective, the federal government is investing about that same amount, but spread across the entire country. We're also increasing transfers to municipalities and continuing to upload services.

I'm working on making things fairer. And providing opportunity. That's we cut hydro bills by 25 per cent. It's why we're boosting the minimum wage. It's why we have free tuition and we're rolling out free prescription drugs for kids and youth. People are trying hard to get ahead. We've got to help them