



PRESIDENT'S ACTION UPDATE

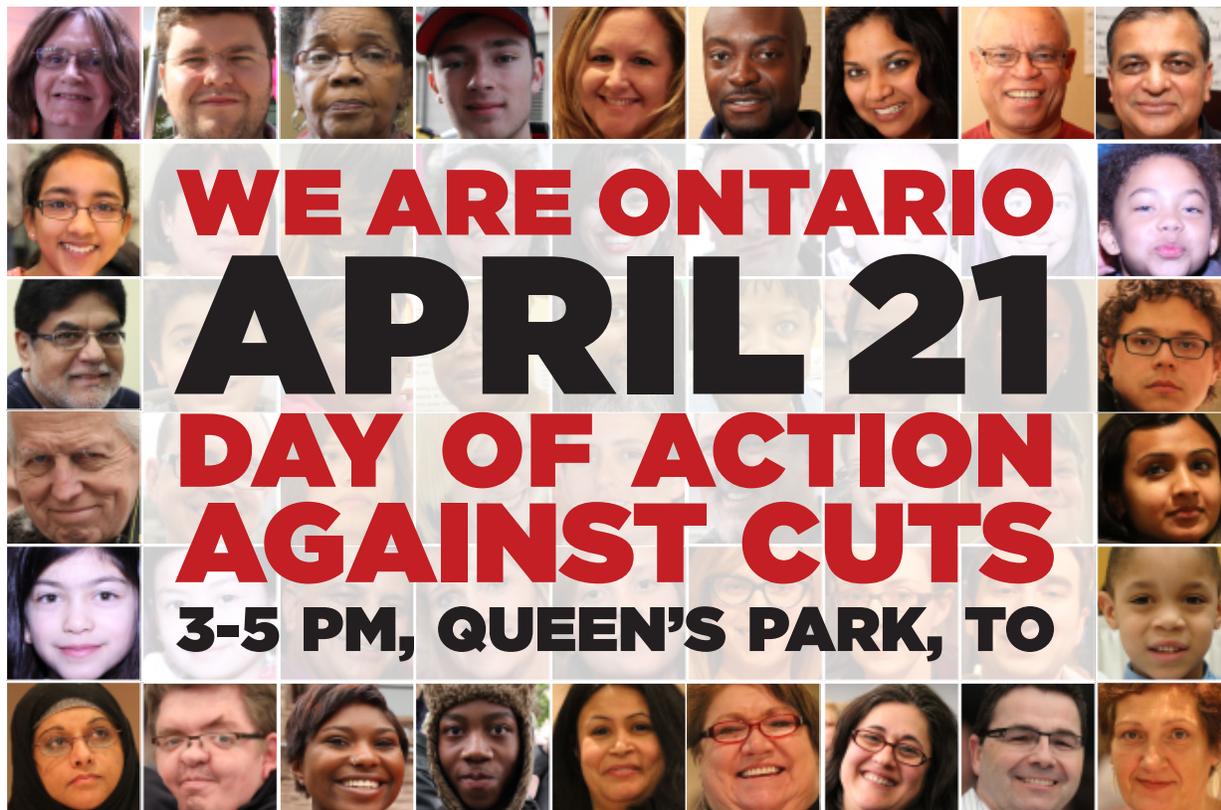
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Protest Against Budget Cuts to Take Demand for Tax Fairness to the Heart of Canada's Financial District

With the April 21 Day of Action Against Cuts only days away, thousands are already planning to attend but more help is needed to build on the momentum and take our demand for corporate tax fairness directly to Queen's Park ... and Canada's Financial District.

To date, over 80 labour unions and community organizations have endorsed the action and nearly 90 buses are expected to travel to Toronto from every corner of the province. Under the banner, "WE ARE ONTARIO," the rally at the Ontario Legislature will be followed by a march to the heart of Canada's financial district. The mass protest will draw public and private sector unions together with thousands of community members representing the diversity of Ontario to serve as a reminder to Premier McGuinty that he should put people before profits.

Scheduled only days before the final vote will be taken on McGuinty's first minority government budget, the rally

is poised to put pressure on the government to reverse billions in corporate tax cuts and add a new income tax surcharge of 2 percent on the richest Ontarians.

Sat., April. 21, at 3 p.m. at Queen's Park, Toronto

ENDORSEMENTS: DMacDonald@ofl.ca

BOOK BUSES: CSceviour@ofl.ca / 416-443-7670

FACEBOOK: <http://on.fb.me/A21NoCuts>

INFO: www.OFL.ca

Listen to Radio Ad #1: <http://youtu.be/oyyvpyETF-o>

Listen to Radio Ad #2: http://youtu.be/Xt_fUEjetWY

We are counting on your help in mobilizing your workplaces and your communities to shut these budget cuts down.

Sid Ryan
Sid Ryan, OFL President



**COMMON FRONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 3 TO 6 PM
Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, TO
Ontario Federation of Labour

New Alliance Opposes Cuts

On Friday April 20, between 3:00-6:00 p.m. the OFL will be hosting a General Assembly of community partners and the labour movement to establish a province-wide Common Front. Under the realization that communities cannot fight cuts alone, the OFL has been working extremely hard over the past few months to reach out to diverse community allies. After receiving over 80 endorsements from unions and community organizations for the April 21 Day of Action, it is clear that there is an appetite for renewed solidarity and collective action.

Coming together under the name, "We Are Ontario," the Common Front assembly presents an opportunity to develop collective plans for collective action.

The assembly will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto (behind the Eaton Centre). Confirm your attendance with Duncan Mac Donald at dmacdonald@ofl.ca / 416-443-7668.

Ontario Budget Targets Poor and Middle Class Families

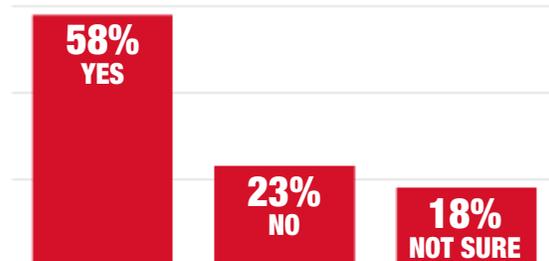
Premier Dalton McGuinty is planning to usher in the most severe round of cuts to be implemented since Mike Harris' first term. These cuts to jobs and services will hurt every family in Ontario while banks and corporations continue to make billions from corporate tax cuts and loopholes. Here are just some of the ways our communities will be impacted:

- A freeze on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) payments will result in a real dollar cut to the poorest Ontarians;
- The postponement of Child Benefit increases that will deprive struggling families of \$100 per year;
- With no new lifeline for Ontario's child care centres, closures, longer waiting lists and layoffs are inevitable;
- With no inflationary funding increases, hospital budgets will be cut by six percent across the board;
- Despite promises to protect the sector, \$500 million will be cut from public education over three years;
- Public sector wages could be frozen and thousands of jobs lost.

The budget also follows Stephen Harper's attack on labour rights by threatening to impose contracts on public sector workers when the collective bargaining process takes more than 12 months.

It is time to tell McGuinty that Ontario cannot cut its way to prosperity!

Would You Support a Provincial Election Over Corporate Tax Fairness? 58% SAY YES!



Right after the delivery of the budget, the OFL conducted an opinion poll that demonstrated strong opposition to McGuinty's cuts and support for corporate tax fairness.

- 68% would like to see corporations pay their fair share to help reduce the provincial deficit.
- 58% agree that the Ontario government should restore corporate taxes to 14 percent.
- 74% support an additional ten percent tax on individual income above two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- 58% would be prepared to take the issue of fair corporate taxation to a provincial election.

This is troubling news for the McGuinty Liberals, but it is even more worrisome for Tim Hudak because the Conservatives have been campaigning on making taxation even more unequal. If an election were called tomorrow, the party with the most to gain is Andrea Horwath and the NDP.

For full poll results, visit: www.OFL.ca