

Jones pledges to stop the trades tax

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones recently signed a pledge to stop the Liberal government's new tax that will affect skilled trades, employers and consumers across Ontario.

Simcoe North MPP Garfield Dunlop, Progressive Conservative critic for Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship, was in attendance for the pledge signing. Jones and Dunlop met with local skilled-trades workers to discuss the fees imposed by the Ontario College of Trades on the skilled trades that they believe only adds more red tape and expense for businesses, consumers and the members of skilled trades who do not have a choice.

"The Liberal government is adding another layer of government bureaucracy that no one needs or wants," Jones commented. "This so-called membership fee is a trades tax and it must be stopped."

"Skilled-trades workers are already licensed and regulated in Ontario," she added. "This additional expensive burden could mean the difference for some workers to continue working in their chosen profession or leave."

"We need to find ways to create jobs, not kill jobs," Jones maintained. "We do not need more wasteful spending by this government."

Jones pledged to continue to bring the voice of local skilled-trades workers who are opposed to the College of Trades to Queen's Park.

For more information on the Stop The Trades Tax campaign, visit www.stophetradestax.ca