



September 29, 2011

Ms. Dawn Edgley
Chair
CARP – Brockville and Thousand Islands

Dear Ms. Edgley,

Thank you for giving MPP Steve Clark and me an opportunity to tell you about some of the many ways *changebook* proposes to help seniors in Leeds-Grenville, and across Ontario.

Ontario seniors deserve to retire in dignity after a lifetime of service. Yet for many seniors, it's been a struggle. For eight years, Dalton McGuinty's tax hikes, skyrocketing hydro costs and sneaky eco taxes have squeezed the fixed budgets of Ontario seniors. As a result, everything from their hydro bills to haircuts costs more today.

This election Dalton McGuinty is offering more of the same. Ontario's seniors simply can't afford four more years of Dalton McGuinty wasting their money. It's time for change in Ontario. Change built on a focused plan that puts families and seniors first.

We will make life more affordable for Ontario seniors. We will remove the HST from home hydro and heating bills, and will take the Debt Retirement Charge off hydro bills. We will unplug those mandatory smart meters that force you to do laundry way into the night, and we will cancel the eco taxes on items you use around your house every day.

For all the taxes they paid, Ontario seniors should be getting the best care in the country. Yet Dalton McGuinty wasted over \$1 billion on the eHealth boondoggle and \$300 million on massive new LHIN bureaucracies that don't provide a single minute of care. We need change to stop the scandals, the waste and the secret deals.

Ontario's health system is struggling to meet the demands of its aging population. Nearly a million Ontario families still don't have a family doctor and are having to wait up to 25 hours in emergency rooms in order to get the care they need. And wait times for seniors needing long-term care or home care are even worse; at 173 days or higher. This election Dalton McGuinty is offering more of the same.



An Ontario PC government purposes to introduce a series of patient centered reforms that make the patient, not bureaucracies or administrators, the focus of our health system. Health care will be our number one spending priority, and we will grow annual investments by more than \$6 billion by the end of our first term. We will improve health care for Ontario seniors with 40,000 long-term care beds and will bring more doctors to the communities that need them. We will establish wait time guarantees for emergency room visits and will give seniors more control over their home care services. And we will introduce a rigorous system of patient satisfaction and health outcome measures.

To read more about the change we are proposing for Ontario patients, I encourage you to visit www.changebook.ca and to contact your local Ontario PC Candidate Steve Clark.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader

cc Steve Clark, MPP