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28,000 MILITARY PAY MILLIONS, GET NOTHING

Yakabuski calls for McGuinty not to enforce broken tax promise on armed services

(Queen's Park) – Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski today called on Dalton McGuinty to stop forcing members of Canada's armed services to pay the so-called McGuinty health tax when they do not use OHIP services.

"These brave men and women should not be paying for Dalton McGuinty's biggest broken promise," said Yakabuski. "Their health care is paid for by people across Canada. Dalton McGuinty should tell these men and women why he's letting them down."

With members of the armed services paying as much as \$900 each in McGuinty's health tax, the McGuinty Liberals are collecting as much as \$25 million in health tax from those whose health care is paid by the Department of Defence. In British Columbia and Alberta, military personnel are exempt from paying health premiums. Income tax forms for Ontario refer to the tax as a "health premium."

"Dalton McGuinty wants our men and women serving our country in Afghanistan to pay for his broken promise," said Yakabuski. "In August, there will be more than 1,100 Ontarians serving in Afghanistan in the line of fire who will still be paying Dalton McGuinty's tax while defending him and our country overseas."

Yakabuski added: "Dalton McGuinty should stand up and say to those men and women going to Afghanistan that they no longer have to pay his punitive tax."