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McGuinty Liberal Red Tape Hurting Small Business and Economy: Yakabuski

(Pembroke) Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski reacted to reports recently that the McGuinty government admitted that they have acted as a brake on economic growth in the province of Ontario. The Premier was commenting on the issue of regulatory burden and red tape and how it affects businesses. Yakabuski noted that the Premier's comments come too late, and after almost five years of protecting the ever growing tangled web of red tape his government has created.

"I am dismayed by the McGuinty government's attitude toward small businesses in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and throughout Ontario," Yakabuski said. "For years, they have done nothing but introduce new regulations and levels of bureaucracy to impede economic development and make it more difficult for the hard working business owners in our communities."

"Now at the eleventh hour, when our economy is crumbling around us, the Premier announces that something must be done. I say this is long overdue." Yakabuski said. "The question is will the McGuinty government act or is this just more talk?"

Yakabuski went on to discuss the red tape commission that the previous government brought forward to rein in job-killing rules and regulations. He cited this commission as a legitimate action that the former liberal opposition scoffed at.

"This government has had numerous opportunities to undo the tangles of red tape that they have created over the last five years, including supporting my colleague Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller's bill, the Red Tape Reduction Policy Act," Yakabuski said.

Up until now, every initiative our party has made to assist small businesses in Ontario and revitalize our economy with respect to red tape and regulatory burden has been ignored by the McGuinty government."

"Real leadership is needed to address these problems and real action must be taken immediately before more businesses have to close their doors as a result of red tape imposed by this government."

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