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McGuinty Buys Jobs at Expense of Ontario Business: Yakabuski *Tim Hudak and the Ontario PCs call on McGuinty to target taxes getting in way of job creation*

NEWS:

Today Ontario PC Energy Critic John Yakabuski revealed Dalton McGuinty's pattern of doling out untendered, sweetheart deals to foreign companies – clearly favouring foreign companies over struggling Ontario businesses.

Dalton McGuinty's recent sweetheart deal with Samsung included \$437 million in subsidies above and beyond those contained in the Liberal's costly Green Energy Act. This works out to a staggering \$303,000 subsidy per permanent new job.

Choosing foreign companies over Ontario businesses is a disturbing pattern for Dalton McGuinty.

Last July, Dalton McGuinty gave French video game developer Ubisoft a \$263-million grant claiming it would create 800 jobs in 10 years. That's \$330,000 a job. Dalton McGuinty has also promised a \$10,000 rebate to subsidize General Motors' yet-to-be-released Chevy Volt electric car - a car that's not even made in Canada, never mind Ontario. Leading auto analysts estimate this program will cost \$3.5 billion to implement.

In total, these three programs alone work out to more than \$4 billion in subsidies to foreign companies.

Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak and the Ontario PC caucus have called on Dalton McGuinty to stop picking winners and losers and focus instead on targeting taxes that would make Ontario desirable for investment for all companies.

QUOTES:

"Dalton McGuinty's sweetheart deal with Samsung is just the latest example of bribing a foreign based corporation at the expense of struggling Ontario businesses."

--John Yakabuski, PC Energy Critic and MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

“The Ontario PC Caucus is calling on Dalton McGuinty to put an end to picking winners and losers and focus instead on targeting taxes that would make Ontario desirable for investment without billiondollar bribes to foreign conglomerates.”

-- John Yakabuski, PC Energy Critic and MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

QUICK FACTS:

- Of the 16,000 direct and in-direct jobs promised over the next six years in the Samsung green energy deal, only 1,440 – 9% of the total – would be permanent. Considering the \$437 million subsidy they will receive, that works out to roughly \$303,000 per permanent job created.
- If you applied the grant money Dalton McGuinty is paying to a French video game developer (\$263 million) for 800 jobs and multiplied it by the number of manufacturing jobs lost in Ontario during Dalton McGuinty’s six years in office (284,000), it would cost Ontario families nearly \$94 billion to get our economy back to where it was when Dalton McGuinty came to power.
- In total, these the Samsung (\$437 million), Ubisoft (\$263 million) and Chevy Volt (\$3.5 billion) programs alone work out to more than \$4 billion in subsidies to foreign companies.