

It's the End of the Road for Kathleen Wynne

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The 2018 Provincial Budget is a thinly veiled attempt to pull the wool over Ontarians' eyes.

That's what I'm hearing from people in our community, and they're right to be cynical. Predictably, the Wynne government has reached into their bag of vote-buying tricks to try and save themselves.

The Liberal government has had 15 years to make responsible decisions, but instead they have let the problems pile up everywhere.

Their recklessness on hydro costs has done lasting damage. Families have had to choose between heating their homes and putting food on the table, and many small businesses have been forced to close their doors.

Homecare and long-term care bed shortages are now reaching crisis proportions. In Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock alone, there are over 2,200 vulnerable seniors waiting for long-term care beds. That's no way to treat the people who have built and shaped our communities.

How can this provincial government claim to care about Ontarians when they have inflicted so much stress and pain on them?

The Wynne government's last minute decision to throw money around to try to buy votes will also come at a high cost to taxpayers. This Budget raises taxes by \$2 billion, and would put us another \$6.7 billion in the hole, even though Ontario is already the most indebted provincial government in the developed world.

We can't allow future generations to be left paying the price for this government's fiscal carelessness.

It's time for change.

Editor's Note: In the June 2018 election, Laurie Scott will continue to run in HKLB and there is a new Progressive Conservative candidate, **Dave Smith**, for the new riding of Peterborough-Kawartha.



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