

Dear candidate:

As a voter in your riding, I believe in a prosperous Ontario; a province strongest when business and government work together. That is why the 2018 election arrives at such a pivotal moment.

When our province heads to the polls, I will vote for the candidate who is best suited to support the future prosperity of Ontario. That is why I am encouraging you to lend your support to *Vote Prosperity*, an initiative of the chambers of commerce and boards of trade in communities across Ontario.

Since 2012, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has observed a dramatic decline in overall business confidence in the economy. Businesses create local jobs and increase economic growth across the province – but they require the support of sound policy from government in order to thrive.

Vote Prosperity contains 18 recommendations that will help bolster Ontario's long-term economic outcomes while addressing the pressing issues of today. These recommendations are built on four fundamental pillars to support a strong economy in Ontario:

1. Strengthening Business Competitiveness

Ontario businesses are constrained by rising input costs, including rising property taxes, fees, and electricity prices. While on-going investments such as those in nuclear life-extension and refurbishment projects can boost our economy and provide relief to some of our energy woes, other opportunities exist. *Vote Prosperity* makes recommendations that will strengthen business competitiveness by reducing the cost burden on businesses.

2. Fostering Job Creation

A robust labour market consisting of good jobs is essential for all Ontarians. Unfortunately, a mismatch exists between employers, workers, and available jobs, which limits the ability of our economy to grow and our people to prosper. *Vote Prosperity* provides concrete solutions to foster job creation through a renewed focus on skills development.

3. Building Healthy Communities

Ontario is facing a trio of serious challenges stemming from housing affordability, an infrastructure deficit, and an inefficient health care system. These challenges impact the well-being of our citizens and consequently, the well-being of business. *Vote Prosperity* advances recommendations that will support strong communities through plentiful housing, sustainable health care, and resilient infrastructure.

4. Improving Government Accountability

Poor implementation of government initiatives can result in resource waste, political frustration and disruption for Ontarians. We demand more from our leaders. *Vote Prosperity* advances solutions to enable proper consultation and measurement of government initiatives.

If successful in this election, you will be granted the privilege of helping to shape Ontario's future on behalf of our community. As my candidate, I ask of you three things:

1. Read [Vote Prosperity](#).
2. Consult with your local chamber of commerce or board of trade regarding its recommendations.
3. Prioritize these issues throughout the election, both in your riding and within your party.

To ensure Ontario's economy has a strong foundation we must support those policies that foster competitiveness, growth, and accountability. Join us in supporting a government that delivers prosperity for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,