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MPP Julia Munro signs tax pledge

In the midst of the largest economic crisis since the Great Depression, the Liberal government's Ontario College of Trades is going to increase fees for small businesses and hurt our economy, according to opposition Conservatives. This spring, tradespeople, employers, businesses and consumers will find life more expensive. And it is all thanks to a new trades tax the Liberal government will be imposing on April 8 to fund its newly created bureaucracy, the Ontario College of Trades.

York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro met with small business owners in Bradford to discuss the harmful Trades Tax.

?The Trades Tax will be a major tax hit for tradespeople and cost millions and millions of dollars. The Liberal government is calling this trades tax a ?membership fee' for the College of Trades. The reality is they plan to use the Trades Tax to build another layer of government bureaucracy that no one needs or wants,? said Munro.

Local businesses in Bradford expressed concern over the College's decision to require compulsory trade status and its impeding effect on the flow of labour mobility and the overall competitiveness of Ontario's economy. The College is also threatening obligatory membership on even some voluntary trades workers. The College of Trades is opposed by tradespeople, employers, and industry leaders from across the province.

?At a time when all Ontarians are struggling, the McGuinty-Wynne Liberals continue to nickel and dime Ontarians through new taxes and fees to pay for their out-of-control spending, such as the new controversial membership fees soon to be imposed by the College of Trades on hard working tradespeople,? said Munro.

?I am proud that I am able to sign the Stop the Trades Tax pledge. I encourage everyone to take action and go to www.stopthetradestax.ca to voice their opposition to this dangerous tax.?