



September 16, 2011

Mr. Brian Tropea
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Dear Mr. Tropea:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing the issues of interest to your members. These are important issues, which we look forward to working with you on after October 6th.

Between now and then, the Ontario PC Party is focused on sharing its vision of change with Ontario families. *Changebook* is our commitment to these hardworking families, and we greatly appreciate your help in sharing our vision with them.

Changebook is the result of tens of thousands of consultations with Ontario families, small businesses and community organizations. All of that input has culminated in *changebook*, our commitment to Ontario.

Being from Niagara Region, I sincerely appreciate Ontario's proud traditions in racing. In fact, many of the fondest memories from my youth are of times spent at the race track with my grandfather.

As I noted when I was given the opportunity to speak to your organization in April, it was an Ontario PC government that took action to reduce taxes on your industry. We also introduced the Slots at Racetracks program that led to more revenue for your businesses, and we made sure that those revenues helped rural economies and horse people.

And as Minister of Consumer Services, I worked with you to ensure a portion of the thoroughbred and standardbred horse people's share of slots revenue would be dedicated to the Horse Improvement Program.

The Ontario PC Party has historically worked alongside your industry to help support the communities and families you serve. Any government I lead will continue that tradition.



In your letter, you raised concerns about regulations and the Ontario Racing Commission.

Ontario has almost 630 different agencies, boards and commissions. Every one of them will be reviewed to ensure they are providing value to families. Our process will be straightforward. If it works, leave it alone. If it's broken, fix it. If it cannot justify its existence, it goes. We will also appoint a Minister responsible for reducing the regulatory burden by a minimum of 30 percent. As we go through these processes, we will welcome the advice and participation of your members.

Changebook offers a plan to deliver respect and relief to hardworking families. Please find *changebook* in its entirety at www.changebook.ca

On October 6th, Ontario families will face a clear choice. They will choose from four more years of Dalton McGuinty raising their taxes, wasting their money, and never standing up for the things we believe in; or they will choose change with a Tim Hudak government. Change that will provide tax relief families need. Change that guarantees the services that matter most, like health care. And change that ends the government waste and keeps our neighbourhoods safe.

We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing our dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader