

## **Keep Your Word Mr. McGuinty Stop the Massive WSIB Tax Grab**

**To: Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario**

**Copy: Peter Fonseca, Minister of Labour  
My local MPP: \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. McGuinty:

In last year's provincial election, you promised "to work with CFIB, and small business people across Ontario to ensure we're taking the next steps needed to keep this vital sector vibrant".

You also promised to direct the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to work with CFIB to tackle the cheats in the underground economy.

That's what you said. Here's what you have done:

- 1) Without any consultation, your Labour Minister used a recent gathering of union leaders to announce a plan to impose the WSIB payroll tax on over 100,000 independent operators, owners, officers and directors of companies in construction. That will mean an average tax hike of \$11,000 per year on a small business in construction.

Far from improving workplace safety, the only thing this decision will do is enlarge the WSIB's already \$3.3 billion monopoly.

- 2) Despite your promise to review a Named-Insured system, the WSIB deliberately engineered a review process that would lead to shelving CFIB's long-standing proposal to tackle the underground economy.

**Celebrating Small Business Week with a massive tax hike!  
No guarantee that owners, officers and directors  
in other sectors won't be next!  
Going back on your word to small businesses!**

**Premier, if you won't keep your promise here, how  
can we believe anything your Government says?**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member ID** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO BENEFIT  
FROM STRONGER SAFETY STANDARDS**

*McGuinty Government To Make Workers' Compensation Coverage Mandatory*

**NEWS**

October 28, 2008

Ontario is today introducing legislation that, if passed, would make workers' compensation coverage mandatory for individuals working in the construction industry.

The proposed legislation would make it mandatory to extend benefits and services contained in the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 (WSIA) for independent operators in construction and some other individuals in the construction industry who are currently not covered.

The proposed amendments would fully come into effect no earlier than 2012 – three years following Royal Assent, if passed by the Legislature. This three-year period would enable the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to work with construction stakeholders to develop systems to support the proposed changes.

**QUOTES**

"If passed, this legislation would level the playing field for legitimate construction employers and help fight the underground economy," said Peter Fonseca, Minister of Labour. "This legislation would come fully into effect no earlier than 2012 to give those affected by the change time to transition."

**QUICK FACTS**

- The proposed legislation would, if passed, extend Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 coverage to approximately 90,000 independent operators in the construction industry currently not subject to mandatory coverage.

**LEARN MORE**

- Benefits and services provided by the [Workplace Safety and Insurance Board](#).
- [The Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 \(WSIA\)](#)