

# 2025 ONTARIO ELECTION

## WHAT MATTERS TO MANUFACTURERS

**LIBERAL**



GRADE	B	B+	A
WORKFORCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create 40,000 new paid co-op, internship, and apprenticeship positions through tax credits for employers</li> <li>• Increased funding for colleges and universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand work-integrated learning by doubling funding for Career Ready Program</li> <li>• Collaborate with manufacturers and unions on labour force strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add \$1B to Skills Development Fund</li> <li>• Additional \$100M in the Better Jobs Ontario program</li> <li>• \$38M to mobilize action centres in the event of layoffs</li> </ul>
CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit to 25% of eligible expenditures</li> <li>• Five-year, 50% corporate tax reduction for any business bringing new investment</li> <li>• Establish a \$250M AI Mission Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit to 25% of eligible expenditures, double yearly maximum paid amount to \$4M</li> <li>• Dedicated stream within new Jobs and Prosperity Fund to support R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest \$300M to expand Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit</li> <li>• Add \$600M to Invest Ontario Fund</li> </ul>
REGULATORY COSTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut small business tax rate in half (3.2% to 1.6%), and increase income threshold</li> <li>• Target 2.5% annual savings through new ongoing efficiency program and new Office of Cost Control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single window platform for manufacturing investment</li> <li>• Consultation with manufacturers on legislative barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to reduce regulatory burden on businesses by an additional \$1B (building on \$1B identified since 2018)</li> </ul>
SHORT-TERM NEEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fight Tariffs Fund allowing businesses to borrow at government rates</li> <li>• Review government spending to exclude American companies from procurement (e.g., Starlink)</li> <li>• Target 2.5% annual savings through new ongoing efficiency program and new Office of Cost Control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Tariff Fund providing direct payment to businesses, based on U.S. exposure</li> <li>• Restart Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program</li> <li>• Tax free income assistance for workers</li> <li>• Buy Local in public procurement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10B in cash-flow support, six-month deferral of provincial taxes on Ontario businesses</li> <li>• \$3B in payroll tax and premium relief for small businesses</li> <li>• \$40M Trade-Impacted Communities Program</li> </ul>
LONG-TERM PLAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No known commitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit extended for 10 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten-Year, whole government Manufacturing Plan, with GDP and employment targets</li> </ul>