

**ECONOMIC  
DIGNITY  
#TakeTheMic**



# DISCUSSION PURPOSE & AGENDA



**Purpose:** to update the Ontario Liberal Party Membership of the #TakeTheMic results

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## **Agenda:**

- Welcome and overview remarks from the Leader, Steven Del Duca
- Platform co-Chairs to present: Economic Dignity
  - Overview of the #TakeTheMic process and the participation numbers
  - Review of the top ideas and support level
  - Discussion
  - What's next?

# A STORY IN THE NUMBERS

A total of **28,236** visited the #TakeTheMic website, submitting **38,438** original ideas and comments and casting **233,791** votes.

We know many of you worked hard in your ridings and networks to get people engaged, and it paid off. Thank you!

## Top 5 Most Supported Policy Recommendations

1	Improve the quality of care (including better food, increased personal hygiene and more hours of care)	Fixing Long-Term Care	98% Approval*
2	Create and protect green space and increase Ontario's tree canopy	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting our Environment	97% Approval*
3	Move to a full-time staffing model in long-term care, providing more stability, better working conditions, higher wages and more accountability	Fixing Long-Term Care	96% Approval*
4	Reverse the gutting of Conservation Authorities and provide them with the tools they need to deliver on their mandate	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*
5	Improve emission performance standards for big polluters	Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Our Environment	96% Approval*

\*Approval is a measure of the percentage of participants who voted in support of an option, rather than neutral or opposed.

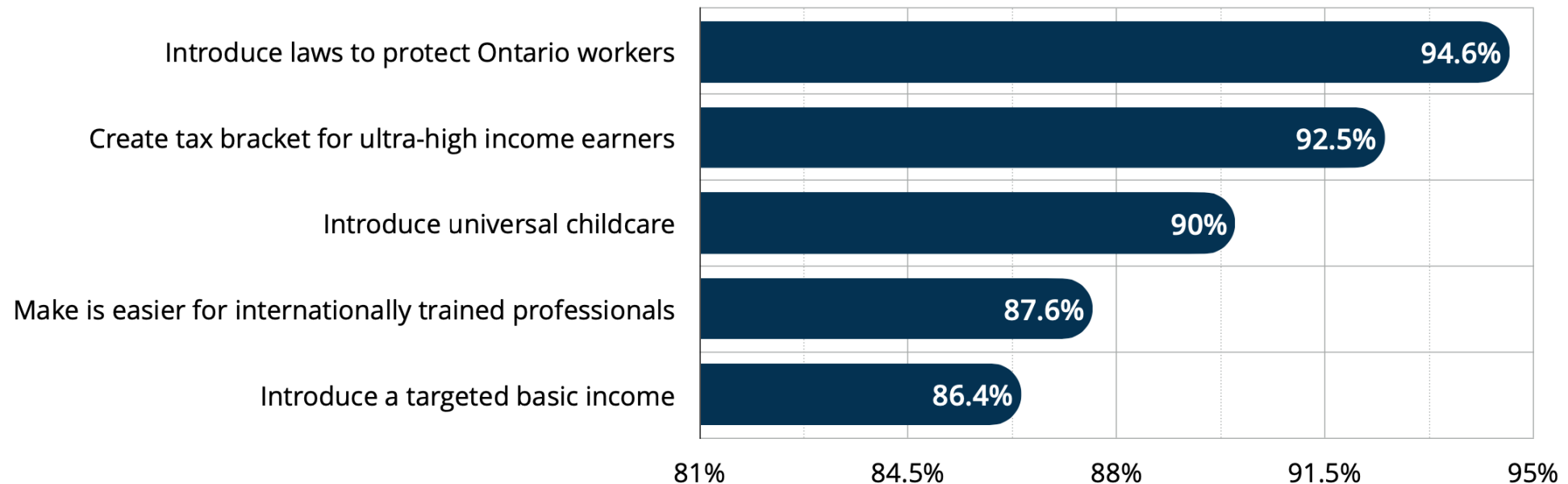
**How many of  
you  
#TookTheMic?**



# WEEK #2: Economic Dignity

## TOP COMMENTED ON POLICY STATEMENTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DIGNITY

- Raise minimum wage to \$17/hr by 2026 (594 comments)
- Increase tax credits for kids sports and extracurricular activities (519)
- Introduce a targeted basic income, including for people with disabilities (507)
- Create a new tax bracket for ultra-high income earners who make more than one million dollars per year (506)



# Comments Overview

## Most Popular Comments

[RE: increased Ontario Works benefit] Guaranteed basic income instead! (6 Likes)

This [increased Ontario Works benefit] should be replaced with a basic income. (6 Likes)

[RE: new ultra-rich tax bracket] Close tax loopholes, and charge the upper levels of income earners. It is the duty of those who have, to help those who don't. Look at places like Norway. (5 Likes)

[RE: new ultra-rich tax bracket] Taxes should be on an increasing scale, just as it is. What we need to do is close the loopholes that allow tax evasion (5 Likes)

[RE:CPP to-up] Universal basic income. Solves this and the gig economy. (5 Likes)

[RE: tax credits for extracurriculars] Playing outdoors with a soccer ball or basketball doesn't cost much. This is for those who have their children in high cost sports/activities like dance/hockey. Funding for those who cannot afford is better than a tax credit for those who can. (5 Likes)

[RE: tax credits for extracurriculars] We need to return to an educational curriculum which includes a period of physical education daily. Tax credits do not allow all children to participate (5 Likes)

[RE: raise minimum wage] Commit to raising the minimum wage to keep up with the cost of living! That may be higher than \$17 in 5 years time. (5 Likes)

# Fighting for Ontarians



## Care for Every Child in Ontario

May 6, 2021

The past year has been especially hard on parents in Ontario – especially moms. Parents and caregivers across Ontario have...



**CTV Toronto** @CTVToronto · Apr 19

**Ontario's Liberal Party** is urging PC MPPs to “override the Premier” and pass legislation to give front-line workers paid sick leave during the third wave of COVID-19.



**Dan Kelly** @CFIB · Feb 8

CFIB appreciates this supportive message from **Ontario Liberal Party** Leader @StevenDelDuca.



**Steven Del Duca** @StevenDelDuca · Feb 8

Doug Ford plans to announce the re-opening of Ontario's economy this week, after weeks of putting Big Box lobbyists and Amazon first. If he's going to re-open the economy, he needs to let small businesses lead Ontario's economic recovery. #onpoli [ontarioliberal.ca/small-business...](http://ontarioliberal.ca/small-business...)



Ontario Liberal Party | Parti Libéral de l'Ontario Retweeted

**Steven Del Duca** @StevenDelDuca · Apr 28

Doug Ford said his program would be the best in North America. Yukon offers 10 paid sick days.

[@fordnation](#) lied again. #PaidSickLeave #onpoli



**Steven Del Duca** @StevenDelDuca · May 6

Earlier today, I was thrilled to join my @OntLiberal colleagues to unveil our plan to make childcare more affordable and accessible for Ontario parents. Learn more: [ontarioliberal.ca/care-for-every...](http://ontarioliberal.ca/care-for-every...)



### DEL DUCA: 407 Days Since Ontario Liberals Called For Paid Sick Leave

April 23, 2021

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Did we capture the issue?  
Where do we go from here?  
What should be our priorities for  
Economic Dignity in Ontario?**





**THANK YOU**

