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### **United Association Local 787 – HVAC&R Workers of Ontario endorses Doug Ford and the Ontario PCs**

Doug Ford and the Ontario PCs are the best choice to address growing demand for skilled trades workers

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Today, the United Association Local 787 – HVAC&R Workers of Ontario (UA Local 787) announced their endorsement of Doug Ford and the Ontario PCs as the best choice to address the province's growing demand for tradespeople by getting more people into the skilled trades.

"Doug Ford is the only leader taking action to ensure Ontario has the highly skilled workforce it needs to grow our economy and create good jobs," said Andrew Tarr, Business Manager/Financial Secretary. "During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Doug Ford, Monte McNaughton and the Ontario PCs always made themselves available, listened to our concerns and were just a phone call away. A re-elected PC government will continue to work collaboratively with us to address Ontario's labour shortage by investing in programs that will prepare people for careers in heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration sectors, opening the door to bigger paycheques and benefits."

Doug Ford and the PC government have taken necessary measures to address the labour shortage, including by investing \$47 million in 2021-22 to help employers hire more apprentices, improve the quality of training and help them complete their training and certification through the Achievement Incentive Program and the expanded Apprenticeship Capital Grant. The PC government also invested an additional \$114.4 million over three years for the Skilled Trades Strategy, helping more apprentices enter the trades.

By supporting full and meaningful apprenticeship programs through targeted initiatives and funding to attract more young people into rewarding careers in the trades, a re-elected PC government will make sure that well-paying and rewarding jobs within Ontario are a top priority.

For these reasons, UA Local 787 believes that Doug Ford and the Ontario PCs are the best choice this election. The United Association Local 787 – HVAC&R looks forward to continuing their work with Doug Ford, Monte McNaughton and a re-elected PC government to strengthen and improve Ontario for everyone

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