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Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce Calls for Fiscal Responsibility, Tax Reductions, especially for Small Business, and Increased Spending on Health Care and Education

Windsor, March 27, 2003 - The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 1,450 business members who collectively employ more than 80,000 people, has released its Provincial Pre-Budget submission on February 7th, 2003, delivered to the Minister of Finance Janet Ecker. Anticipating the release of today's budget our Chamber will restate our key priorities identified in our 2003 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission.

While maintaining a balanced budget that will help maintain Ontario's competitive edge the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce wishes to see the government:

- **Immediately reinstate tax cuts delayed in the last provincial budget**
- **Eliminate the claw back from the small business deduction**
- **Increase accountability/transparency of property assessment practices**
- **Increase the regional level of funding for health care to at least the provincial per capita average**
- **Increase funding for postsecondary training and apprenticeship**
- **Address the gridlock and border capacity**

The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce are calling for lower corporate taxes and debt reduction. We believe that for Ontario to maintain its competitive edge it is incumbent upon this government to continue to focus on investment in areas such as health care, which helps sustain Ontario's competitiveness, education which helps secure our future competitiveness, and transportation infrastructure which will help keep our economy moving in the right direction.

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