

Supporting a Thriving Business Climate

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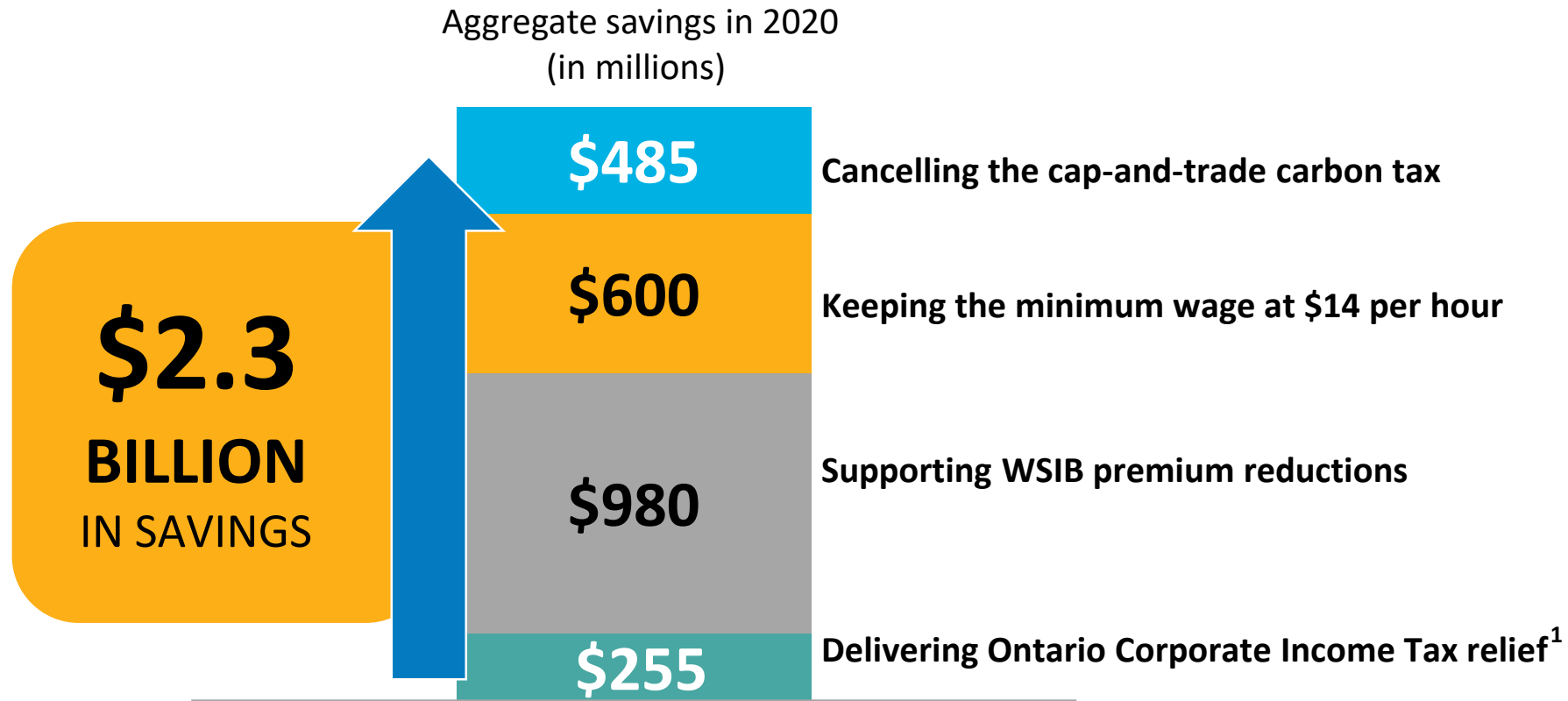
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Reducing Red Tape

The *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act*

- The centrepiece of the Fall Red Tape Package
- More than 80 actions geared to reducing regulatory burdens. Examples:
 - A one-stop approach to truck inspections. One place, one test, one result — saves time and money while maintaining protections
 - Getting out of the way of community feeding organizations, religious charities and food banks that are doing good work in our communities
 - Modernizing pension plan administration to make it easier for employers to provide good pensions
 - Streamlining approvals in the forestry industry to strengthen this key sector
- Part of Ontario's Open for Business Action Plan, which aims to reduce the cost of complying with regulations affecting businesses by \$400 million annually by 2020
 - With Fall Red Tape Package, have already reached \$338 million of our target

Providing Savings for Ontario Small Businesses



¹ Includes Ontario savings from the proposed cut to Ontario's small business Corporate Income Tax rate, paralleling the federal accelerated writeoff measures, and from not paralleling the federal tax increase on some small businesses earning passive investment income. Savings from the accelerated writeoff measures include unincorporated businesses.

Note: Savings from delivering Ontario Corporate Income Tax relief are based on businesses that benefit from the Ontario small business Corporate Income Tax rate. Savings from the other measures are based on firms with less than 100 employees.

Source: Ontario Ministry of Finance.

Delivering on Tax Relief

2019 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review

- Proposes to reduce the small business Corporate Income Tax rate to 3.2 per cent from 3.5 per cent, beginning on January 1, 2020
- Would provide tax relief of up to \$1,500 annually to over 275,000 businesses
- Would fulfill the promise to cut Ontario's small business tax rate by 8.7 per cent
- Commits to consulting with industry and business leaders to inform development of Ontario's Small Business Success Strategy



Addressing Regional Challenges

Regional Development Program for Eastern and Southwestern Ontario

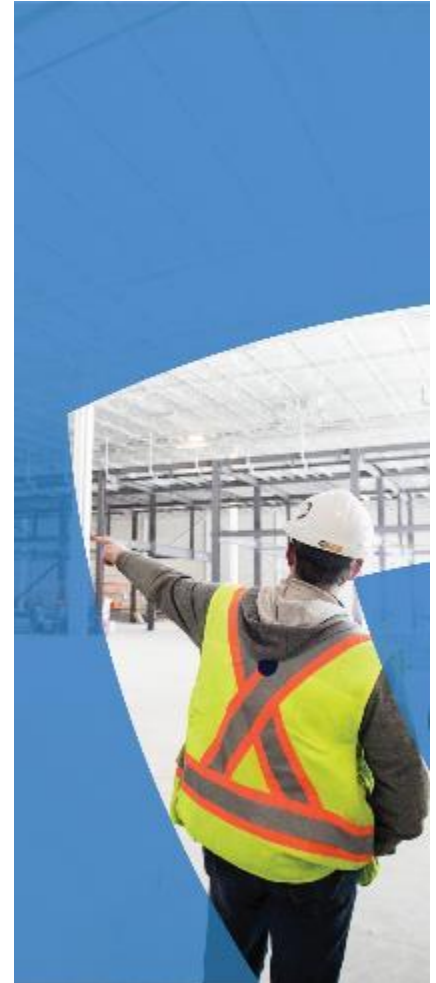
- Will invest more than \$100 million over four years
- Reduces job creation threshold from 10 to 5, making it easier for small- and medium-sized businesses to qualify
- New coordinated service delivery model



Attracting Manufacturing Investment

Job Site Challenge

- New mega-site program open to municipalities, property owners and land developers with sites from 500 to 1,500 acres in size, capable of supporting large-scale manufacturing operations
- This is a partnership opportunity, where the Ontario government will provide value-add services to increase the attractiveness of properties and market the sites to investors
- Deadline for proposals is March 31, 2020
- For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/page/job-site-challenge



On the Right Track

- More than 250,000 jobs created in Ontario since June 2018
- Number of small businesses operating in Ontario in 2019 up 3.6% over previous year
 - Growth driven primarily by businesses with 1-4 employees and those with 20-49 employees
 - As of June 2019, there were 483,063 businesses in Ontario, of which 472,795 (97.9%) were small businesses.
- Ontario credit rating improving
- Highest grade ever on CFIB's annual red tape report card
- Government is projected to beat its deficit target for 2019-20 by \$1.3 billion

