



Steelworkers Know Who Truly Stands for Working People

United Steelworkers members, facing uncertainty and concern over the impact of U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum, are disappointed by Ontario Liberal Leader Kathleen Wynne's response to this crucial issue.

Opposing Donald Trump's unacceptable and baseless tariffs is not a partisan election issue to be manipulated by Kathleen Wynne for political gain. Steelworkers, like thousands of other Ontarians who are worried about their future, object to Kathleen Wynne's crass attempts to use them as pawns. We object to Ms. Wynne's anti-union rhetoric and her unfounded personal attacks on New Democratic Leader Andrea Horwath.

Steelworkers can state unequivocally that, contrary to Kathleen Wynne's false comments and insinuations, Andrea Horwath has always defended our steel, mining, manufacturing and other industrial sectors. More than any other leader, Andrea Horwath has continually fought for stronger government legislation and policies to promote fair trade and to support good jobs, pensions and benefits for working people.

Recently – mere weeks ago – Andrea Horwath called on Kathleen Wynne and her government to do everything in their power to support a venerable Hamilton steel plant – Hamilton Specialty Bar – to withstand insolvency proceedings until the facility could be sold. Kathleen Wynne's government did nothing and the plant has been liquidated, eliminating 200 middle-class jobs and affecting 450 pensioners.

In fact, Kathleen Wynne's last provincial budget did not include a single reference to Ontario's steel industry, let alone a plan to support this key sector of our economy and its thousands of working families and pensioners.

Steelworkers know that, more than any other party leader, Andrea Horwath – the lifelong Hamiltonian with blue-collar roots – has consistently fought on the side of working people, for fair trade deals, for reformed bankruptcy laws that protect workers and pensioners, and to defend our steel, manufacturing and resource sectors. That is why Steelworkers support Andrea Horwath.

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