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Workplace Legislation Repeal Disappointing

The Niagara Poverty Reduction Network is disappointed with the announcement of the introduction of legislation to repeal key provincial regulations and legislation that reduces precarious employment and protects workers.

“Precarious employment is on the rise in Ontario, and a recent study done in Niagara showed that nearly 1 in 2 workers faces employment precarity and uncertainty,” says Glen Walker, Chair of the Niagara Poverty Reduction Network.

“The loss of key elements, including two paid sick days and equal pay for equal work, means that workers will continue to struggle to make ends meet and to maintain their health,” says Walker. “As well, keeping minimum wage at \$14/hour until 2020 means that workers will not be able to keep up with inflation and meet their cost of living needs.”

The Living Wage for Niagara region has been calculated at \$17.57/hour, which is over \$3.50 higher than the legislated minimum wage.

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