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Greetings from Ted Chudleigh

Residents of Halton:

Summer is in full swing, and I hope you are enjoying it to the fullest.

After three years, our hard work is starting to pay off. Our economy is sizzling, and our job creation rate is the fastest in all of Canada. With the latest installment of the personal income tax cut, Ontario now boasts the lowest provincial income tax rate in the country. Finally, there are far fewer people relying on welfare today than when you elected this government in 1995.

However, there is still much for this government to complete. The citizens of Halton and the province of Ontario, demanded changes. We are following through on all of the promises made in the Common Sense Revolution, and

we will continue to ensure that those promises are fulfilled.

As a result of these efforts, Ontarians, their families, and communities are now moving forward with a newfound optimism.

Let us continue working together to make Ontario the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family.

Please remember that I always welcome comments, concerns, questions, and criticisms.

Have a safe and happy summer.

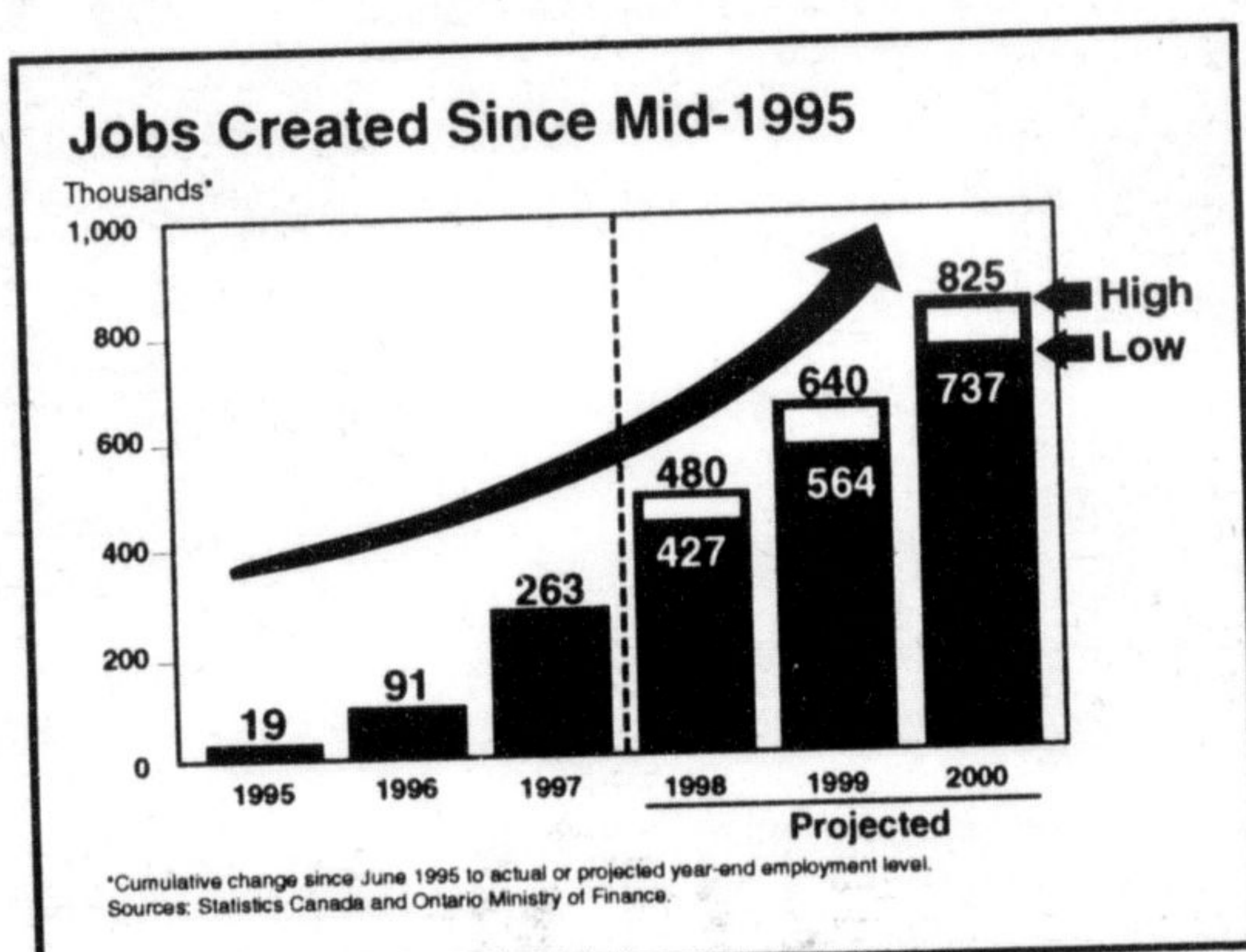
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On The Right Track...

Jobs and the Economy

- Between September 1995 and June 1998, 376,000 net new jobs were created in Ontario. In the first quarter of 1998, Ontario's economy created jobs at a rate unequalled in 15 years.
- The provincial economy grew by 4.8% in 1997, and the average private sector forecast for growth in 1998 is 4.0%.

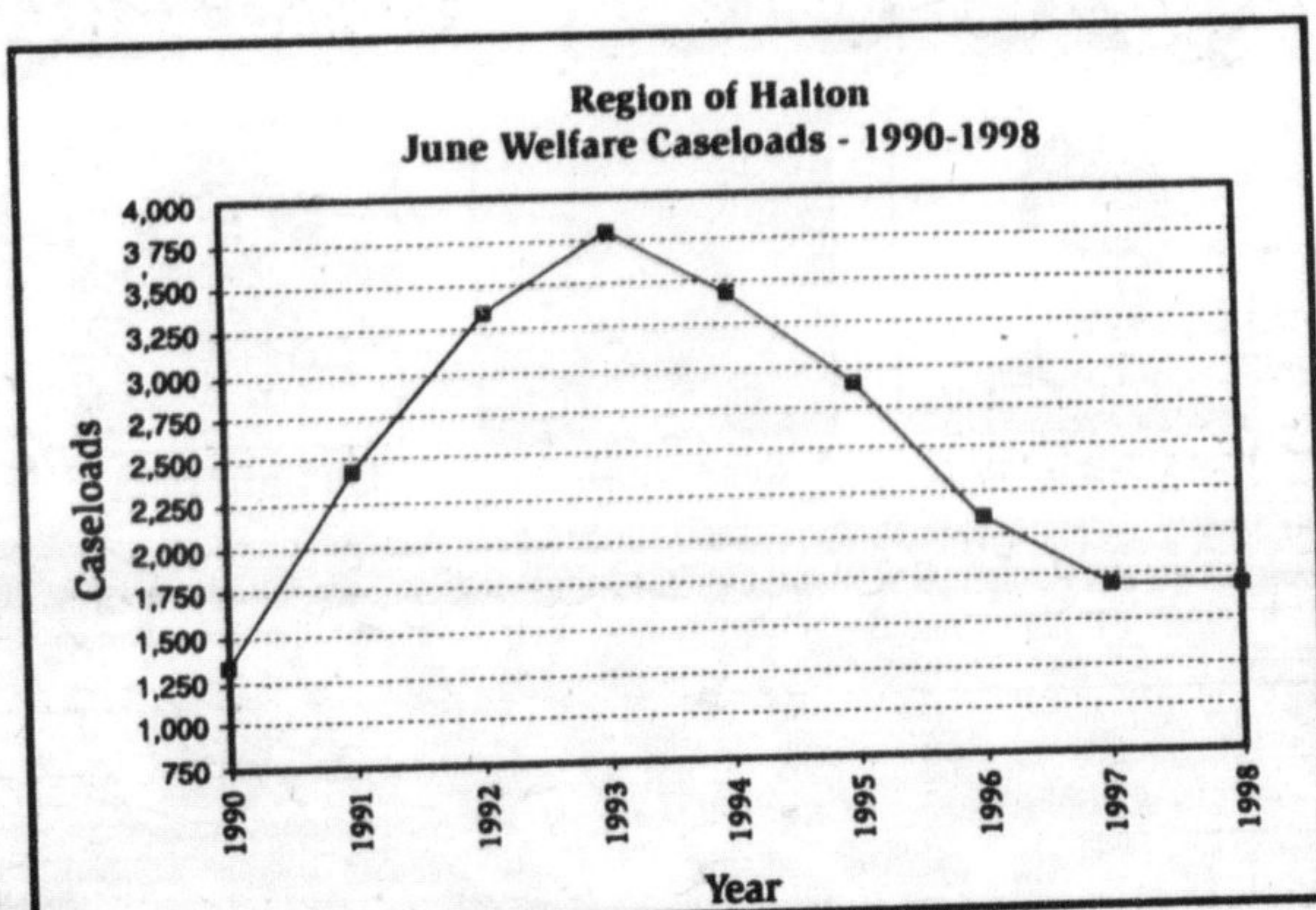


Cutting Taxes to Create Jobs

- The full 30% cut to provincial income taxes was delivered 6 months ahead of schedule. This government is the first in 4 decades to cut income tax rates.
- The 36 tax cuts in this year's budget bring the total number of tax cuts in the past three years to 66.

Work for Welfare

- Over 30% of those people eligible for welfare, or approximately 250,000, have participated in the Work for Welfare program. More than 263,000 people have stopped relying on welfare completely since June of 1995, a decline of almost 20%.



- The total social assistance caseload for Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington has been reduced by 1,457 cases, or 22.1%, since June of 1995. General welfare assistance cases in June for Halton Region are down by 1,184 cases in the same period.
- The welfare fraud hotline (1-800-394-7867) has uncovered more than 1,200 cases of welfare fraud, saving taxpayers more than \$8.5 million.

Personal and Community Safety

- The 1998 budget provides \$150 million over 5 years to enhance community safety. This will be used to hire almost 1,000 new police officers through the Community Policing Partnership. Other budget initiatives include a rural crime prevention strategy and proposals to more than double the fines for running red lights.
- Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act will allow municipalities to create Community Safety Zones where fines would be doubled for driving infractions such as speeding, running red lights, failing to yield to a pedestrian or traffic, and failing to stop at school crossings.

Seniors

- \$1.2 billion from the province will add 20,000 new beds for those in nursing homes and homes for the aged. Halton Region will receive 1,579 of those beds, and represent the first investment in new long-term care beds since 1988.
- An additional 13,500 will be upgraded, including 100 at Martin House. Access to community-based services will also be improved to serve an additional 100,000 Ontarians.

Preserving Health Care

- The government has reinvested \$3 billion into front line services for patients. This includes \$154 million for hospital restructuring—the first installment of a 5 year, \$2 billion commitment made in the 1997 budget—and \$225 million over two years to improve access to emergency room services, following the recommendations of the Emergency Services Working Group.