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Dr. Ruby Dhalla Questions Conservative Choice of Child Care

Ottawa - Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Member of Parliament for Brampton Springdale, demands answers as to why the Conservative Government refuses to listen to parents, cities and the child care groups that have signed petitions and written motions to stop the reversal of the Liberal Child Care Plans which provided accessible and affordable daycare for Canadian parents and families.

On April 25, 2006, Dr. Dhalla stood in the House of Commons to ask the Minister for Human Resources why the voices of parents are falling on deaf ears. Dhalla stressed that “the Conservatives can’t throw \$1.60 a day at parents. There needs to be a solutions and a plan that will work for ALL families.”

To date more than 2000 daycare spaces have been slashed in Brampton and surrounding areas. Thousands more established under the previous Liberal Governments Early Learning and Childcare program have been axed across the country. “The slashing of these spaces is going to have a dramatic impact on Canadian parents and children,” Dhalla adds.

A report released by the Caledon institute highlights that the Conservative plan will only assist high income families. The report states “The new scheme comes with a hidden price ... affluent couples with a stay-at-home spouse will get a much bigger net benefit than single parents earning below average income.”

Dr. Dhalla has been working closely with stakeholders in Brampton to ensure that the voices of parents, daycare workers, and children are heard. A petition is being circulated in the riding in an ongoing effort to demand that the Conservative Government reconsider and honour the Liberal Early Learning and Child Care agreement.

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