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## **Brampton Liberal MP's commit to working with former Nortel Employees**

Brampton - Hundreds of Bramptonians gathered last night to express their concerns about their pensions and long term disability benefits.

In response to an outcry from former Nortel employees who are at risk of losing their pensions and disability benefits, Members of Parliament Dr. Ruby Dhalla and Andrew Kania hosted a roundtable discussion for Brampton Nortel retirees and former employees. Guest speakers included Jim Delaat from Nortel Retirees and Former Employees Canada, Dean Lindsay from the Canadian Autoworkers and renowned financial analyst, Diane Urquhart.

The evening provided former employees of Nortel with an opportunity to speak openly and directly to their MPs about the urgent need for immediate action.

"It is imperative for all political parties to put partisanship aside and ensure the rights of Canadian employees whose companies go bankrupt are protected. Immediate changes to the Bankruptcy Insolvency Act are needed to help families who have been affected by the closure of Nortel" said Dr. Dhalla.

Last fall, both Dhalla and Kania presented over 1,400 pages of petitions signed by Canadians concerned about their pensions and their future and joined thousands of former Nortel employees who came to Parliament Hill to urge the Government to take immediate action.

"We need practical solutions to help the families affected by Nortel's closure. The Conservative government must step up to the plate to ensure changes are made in our laws to protect pensions and disability benefits" said Mr. Kania.

Many of Nortel's former employees are advocating for changes to the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act, Bankruptcy Insolvency Act, and Investment Canada Act to help to protect the rights of all Canadian employees and to ensure employees who are receiving pension or long term disability benefits obtain preferred creditor status over other unsecured creditors.

Dhalla and Kania thank the many Brampton families who attended to voice their concerns and look forward to continue working on their behalf in parliament to ensure their rights are protected.

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