

Solution 1: Defend Ontario, Build Ontario **Keep communities and the economy moving** **through tariffs and uncertainty**

Problem: The looming threat of US tariffs and trade disruption would have devastating impacts on Ontario's economy – costing thousands of jobs, hurting businesses and industries, increasing prices, and disrupting supply chains.

For municipalities, this could mean:

- **Cost increases linked to essential services**, such as chlorine for clean drinking water – costs and purchases that aren't optional.
- **Housing-enabling infrastructure projects that could be delayed or cancelled** due to sudden cost increases or supply chain issues for key products, such as steel.

This will make life harder for municipalities to deliver on shared priorities, including building 1.5 million new homes by 2031. And it could mean more **local job losses** and losing the **economic boost of critical projects** where people live.

Need: We need to stimulate Ontario's economy, support Ontario jobs, and keep the essential services Ontarians depend on sustainable.

Solution: Support municipalities with emergency funding in the event of tariffs and uncertainty to sustain essential services and ensure critical infrastructure projects stay on track.

