



SENIOR LIBERALS' COMMISSION Policy Committee

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THE NEED FOR STABLE, QUALITY JOBS – THE KEY TO A STRONGER MIDDLE CLASS

WHEREAS: Senior Registered Liberals across Canada identified the need for “**stronger government efforts to create stable, quality jobs for all Canadians, with an emphasis on creating real opportunities for the younger generations**” as a priority issue ; and

WHEREAS: Statistics Canada estimates that the Canadian economy has lost 7% of its mid-skilled jobs during the past 10 years, including some 300,000 jobs in manufacturing and more recently noted that median incomes in Ontario have declined during the past decade as a result; and

WHEREAS: many of the middle aged workers displaced by these losses have been forced to take lower level part-time jobs with limited benefits, resulting in a downward trend out of the middle class; and

WHEREAS: many younger, well-educated Canadians are also forced to take lower level part time jobs that do not support progress toward a middle class life-style; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that the Government of Canada take a more direct role, in concert with Canadian business and unions, to identify new business sectors that can support the higher quality and stable jobs that are necessary to support younger and middle aged Canadians retain or attain a middle class life style, as promised in the 2015 election platform.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada introduce new measures that attract the investment necessary to create and retain these higher quality and stable jobs throughout Canada.

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Reference: [SLC Policy Paper “The Need for Government Action in Relation to Stable, Quality Jobs for Canadians”](#) August 2017