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TORONTO – Today’s announcement by Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton about a plan to convene a panel to study portable benefits for precarious working in Ontario who are currently excluded from statutory benefits. This is an announcement of non-action by a government that continues to leave workers waiting for real change.

As we have been since it appeared in the Ontario Workforce Recovery Advisory Committee report, we’re concerned by the call to create a portable benefits scheme in Ontario. It goes hand-in-hand with the OWRAC recommendation for a formalized second-class dependent contractor status. We see from the experience of gig workers in California that in reality the system did not support workers, only carving them out from real benefits and little more than an empty promise.

The panel investigating portable benefits must include the direct participation of the workers themselves. Gig workers will continue to fight for an end to misclassification and full and equal rights for all.

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