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- Doctors have worked without a contract now for nearly five years. This instability has made it difficult to open new clinics, recruit more family doctors and specialists, and offer the services we know our patients need.
- Doctors understand health care. They know the problems in the system, and we have solutions. Bring doctors to the table to help find solutions. The people of Ontario cannot wait any longer.
- Our health care system already has enough to struggle with: hallway medicine, access to care, long wait-times...the list goes on. Creating more disruption makes no sense.
- Arbitration is a legislated mechanism that is fair and independent.
- The Premier asked us to settle our contract issues so that we can work together to solve hallway medicine, shrink wait-times and improve access to care. We're ready and willing. We have extensive experience in health care reform.

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- The medical profession in Ontario is **not** split. In fact, less than 5 per cent of doctors participated in a recent non-binding opinion poll by a small group of specialists.
- The OMA **can** deliver on an Agreement. Arbitrated decisions are binding, and there is no ratification process.
- The OMA is **not** a union. We are a professional association that has a rich and longstanding history of working together in partnership with the government of Ontario to serve the health care interests of our patients and the people of this great province.
- Doctors are looking forward to putting arbitration behind us, so we can use our extensive experience and play a unique role in solving wait times and reducing hallway medicine as well as in making needed health care reforms.
- Every health system around the world has learned that to improve the health system, the government absolutely requires the input and engagement of its physicians. Ontario doctors want to be at the table with you to help find solutions.