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## **Why does the NDP want to prevent parents from receiving child care money?**

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**OTTAWA** – The MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, Maurice Vellacott is appalled that the NDP last week tried to prevent Canadian parents from receiving their monthly Universal Child Care Benefit cheques. NDP MP Olivia Chow brought forward a motion to cut \$8.4 million in funding for the administration of the program. Vellacott asks, “Why does the NDP, which initially said they supported the Conservative government’s efforts to put money into the hands of parents, now want to prevent the government from getting those cheques to the parents?”

During the election, NDP leader Jack Layton condemned the Liberal daycare plan and suggested it just handed over money to provincial governments with no accountability and no guarantee that money would actually go for child care: “Mr. Martin’s plan is simply giving no-strings-attached cheques to the provinces to do whatever they want to.” (Speech in Toronto, December 12, 2005).

Layton stood in the House of Commons and suggested that the NDP support the Conservative government’s plan: “Mr. Speaker, the NDP caucus supports the idea of subsidizing individuals and families” (Hansard, April 5, 2006). Layton suggested that the NDP can live with the Conservative government’s plan to send \$1,200 cheques directly to families for each child under 6 (Montreal Gazette, April 20, 2006).

Chow’s motion at the Government Operations committee reads: “That Vote 1a in the amount of \$107,473,000 under PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES, be reduced by \$8,437,000 to \$99,036,000.” This follows a previous motion by NDP MP Tony Martin who tried to introduce a similar funding cut.

Why is the NDP trying to prevent the Conservative government from getting money into the hands of parents, which they originally said they supported.

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