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In wake of PC Leader resignation, Sarnia-Lambton MPP says party's election focus must not be diverted

(Queen's Park) – Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey joins his fellow Ontario PC Caucus members today in expressing his disappointment regarding the disturbing allegations against former Ontario PC Leader Patrick Brown, but says the party's focus must remain on winning the province's upcoming election on June 7th.

In the wake of Brown's resignation, Bailey says, "The Ontario PC Party unequivocally upholds the principle that a safe and respectful society is what we expect and deserve. We need to move forward to eradicate sexual violence and harassment across the province."

The PC executive is meeting this evening and the PC Caucus plans to meet on Friday to appoint an Interim Leader.

Bailey says, "Our caucus will immediately consult with party officials and members on the best way to ensure a smooth transition and move forward to defeat the Wynne Liberals in 2018."

Early Thursday morning, Brown resigned his position as PC Leader, but said he would stay on as Simcoe North MPP to fight the allegations. The PC Party stated, "Mr. Brown is entitled to a legal defense and due process, but he cannot lead us into an election as a result of these allegations."

The Party commented, "We will not be diverted from our mission to ensure our strong team can share our message of change."

Bailey adds, "We intend to work hard to keep the momentum moving forward toward a Progressive Conservative victory in June. Our supporters expect nothing less."

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