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OUELLETTE URGES GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT AUTO INDUSTRY

*Oshawa MPP calls on McGuinty government to guarantee auto
sector jobs in Ontario*

(Queen's Park) – Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette today questioned Minister of Economic Development, Michael Bryant in the Legislature over the serious situation faced by the automotive industry.

Mr. Ouellette highlighted the fact that President-elect, Barack Obama has emphasized auto sector job repatriation will be an important consideration of any government investment in the auto industry. With the three major North American automakers set to present their financial restructuring plans before the United States Congress on December 2nd, the Oshawa MPP stressed it is imperative that Canada and especially the government of Ontario is prepared with a parallel strategy to ensure automotive jobs remain in Ontario.

Mr. Ouellette, who has already tabled several pieces of legislation to assist the automotive industry, and has raised the issue of auto sector jobs numerous times in the legislature over many years, underscored the extent and urgency of the situation.

Will the auto sector receive a parallel level of support by the province of Ontario to at least ensure that the jobs stay here, and we don't have repatriation of our jobs to the United States", pleaded Ouellette in the legislature.

Minister Bryant thanked Mr. Ouellette for bringing forward this important aspect and agreed to do the due diligence necessary to ensure long term viability for automotive jobs in Ontario.

"The industry is facing unprecedented challenges right now and the potential impacts are upsetting", added Ouellette. "These are the jobs of my family, my neighbours, my friends and my community and I urge the government members to stand up and support a sustained healthy auto industry in Ontario and Canada".

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