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OUELLETTE FIGHTS TO SUSTAIN ALL GM JOBS IN OSHAWA

*Oshawa MPP stresses government conditions must ensure all local
GM employees stay put*

(Queen's Park) – Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette questioned Minister of Economic Development, Michael Bryant in the Legislature over the importance of sustaining all General Motors jobs in Oshawa as part of the government's agreement.

Mr. Ouellette highlighted details of the General Motors Canada re-structuring plan which would maintain the current 17-20% share of production in Canada between 2009 and 2014. This important element of the plan ensures plant and production jobs for local autoworkers.

Ouellette called on the minister to guarantee that current levels of all GM employees be sustained as part of the government's agreement conditions with the company. "We have thousands of valuable engineering, mechanical, research and development, and salaried managerial and accounting staff employed by General Motors Canada in our community and it is equally important that these jobs are also sustained as part of the government agreement," proclaimed Ouellette.

Minister Bryant recognized the Oshawa MPP as a long time supporter of the local auto industry and a tireless advocate for his community. The minister took Mr. Ouellette's submission under advisement and pledged to continue to work with him towards securing auto sector jobs in Oshawa and maintaining the current levels of production and economic activity.

Both members referenced General Motors' significant commitments and investments to research and development and engineering in the re-structuring plan as well as the advancement of new green vehicle technology.

Ouellette additionally met with Minister Bryant after question period. While the minister appeared somewhat unaware of any leasing aspect of GM headquarters and engineering, he was responsive, appreciative and willing to work to ensure GM stays in Oshawa.

“I am pleased the minister has acknowledged the importance of these high-quality jobs and has agreed to work together and fight for proportionality, not only for production, but for all the workers employed by the General Motors in our community,” affirmed Ouellette.

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