
Questions regarding subsidy for Ford Motor co. electric vehicle plant retooling

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Hi Jasmine,

Please see the following statement which I hope helps. Thanks again for reaching out!

Our government welcomes the news that Unifor and Ford have worked together to ratify a new collective agreement that benefits Ontario's auto sector, and its workers.

Ontario's automotive manufacturing sector is a fundamental economic pillar that has provided opportunity, jobs, and economic growth to our province for decades, and this announcement will continue this proud legacy for decades to come.

As the Premier has said, our government will be at the table to negotiate the terms of this agreement with Ford and the federal government, and will work to ensure it is in the best interests of our economy and offers good return on investment for taxpayers.

While we should be proud of our auto sector's history, over the last decade we have lagged behind our competitors and partners in attracting auto investment to Ontario. Since 2004, Mexico has attracted over \$15 billion in greenfield auto investment while Canada has only managed \$1 billion.

Ford Motor Company's proposed investment of nearly \$2 billion in Ontario represents a game changer for our auto sector, is essential in maintaining auto production in Oakville for the over 3,000 men and women who work there, will protect and strengthen our broader auto supply chain, and secure the battery electric vehicle auto manufacturing of the future.

It will ensure that the right conditions are in place to protect and grow good quality "Ontario Made" auto sector jobs over the long-term, and ensure that the sector remains healthy, sustainable, and competitive in the decades to come.

Best,

Rebecca Bozzato