



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Statement on General Motors Announcement

For immediate release.

Ottawa, ON April 30, 2015 – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, made the following statement regarding General Motors' announcement today:

"While this decision was made in 2012, I understand Oshawa residents are concerned. Today, I reached out to both GM and Unifor Local 222 President Ron Svajlenko. I understand GM Oshawa has 2,100 employees that are eligible for retirement and is canvassing for up to 1,000 incentivized voluntary retirements for Oshawa hourly workers, which would hopefully avoid the need for any layoffs. That would mean those affected by today's announcement would be eligible for their full pension, plus severance and a car purchase allowance.

"I understand Oshawa residents are concerned about the future of GM. As the Member of Parliament for Oshawa I have consistently brought the concerns of the auto industry to the Government and stressed the importance of GM to Oshawa. It was our Conservative Government who was fighting for the auto industry when they were in their darkest moments.

"It is important that all partners must get on board to ensure the long term viability of the auto sector in Oshawa. Our Conservative Government's suite of policies - low taxes, global trade opportunities, investment policies and a skilled workforce – has made Canada, according to the Bloomberg Report, second only to Hong Kong as the best country in the world to do business.

"The Ontario Government also has an essential role to play and must have competitive, job friendly business policies to ensure the province can compete with other jurisdictions vying for auto investment. GM has made it clear that no decision on future product will be made until after discussions with Unifor. I am confident that GM and Unifor will work together to iron out a successful agreement. As the federal representative for Oshawa, my door is always open to both GM and Unifor."

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