



December 16<sup>th</sup> 2008

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Dalton McGuinty

Dear Prime Minister Harper and Premier McGuinty:

RE: The Automotive Industry in Canada

The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce expresses their strong support for the automotive industry in Canada, including its manufacturing components such as steel and auto parts.

Manufacturing (including steel and auto parts) is very important to Hamilton and the surrounding communities and it contributes directly and indirectly to jobs and the economy. The continued viability and sustainability of that sector depends greatly on innovation and R&D.

To that end, Hamilton is blessed with some unique research and development resources (such as McMaster University, the CANMET lab and Mohawk College) and the challenge for governments as they provide support for that industry is to ensure that industry has the industrial scale physical infrastructure and human resources to ensure its long term sustainability. This has been proposed by the automotive industry through the creation of the Green Automotive Resource Cluster (GreenARC).

During this financial crisis, we urge both the Federal and Provincial governments to not only address the liquidity issue, but also the long-term viability of the industry and its components.

Please also see attached letter from the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce regarding their position and support of the automotive industry. We are strongly supportive of the Oshawa letter and its recommendations and call on governments at both levels to take urgent and affirmative action.

Your attention to this vital matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

