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August 10, 2016

Fred Eisenberger, Mayor  
The City of Hamilton  
71 Main St West  
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

I am writing to you today in response to the June 10, 2016 announcement from General Motors Canada with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne to "hire up to 1,000 software engineers" for the development of self-driving, autonomous connected cars. These jobs will be divided between the Oshawa engineering centre, Kitchener-Waterloo, a Kapuskasing cold weather facility and a new facility in Markham.

Fred, as a Mayor for the The City of Hamilton you understand the importance and affect that General Motors has on your community. The manufacturing of automobiles in Ontario contributes to provincial and national economies and generates revenues that helps fund infrastructure projects in Ontario and across Canada. Additionally, any reduction of employment at General Motors and associated feeder plants spills over into other sectors and impacts local economies.

I am writing to you specifically about the manufacturing of vehicles in Oshawa. The General Motors Oshawa operations sustain more than 30,000 jobs throughout Canada and generate economic activity that brings in more than \$1 billion in tax revenue to federal and provincial governments each year.

For close to 100 years, General Motors Oshawa has contributed to the economic fortunes of General Motors of Canada Limited as well as a cross-section of sectors in our communities such as government services, agriculture, utilities,

construction, transportation and warehousing, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, accommodation and food services, and education services.

I am asking for your letter of support for continued production at the GM Autoplex in Oshawa that has a long-standing history of producing high-quality vehicles and drives local, Ontario and national economies. Oshawa and area workers need to be considered as the first option for vehicle production and once again prove their skills, willingness, and capacity to contribute to the economic fortunes of General Motors of Canada Limited, generate vital tax revenue to support federal and provincial services and contribute to local and area communities. I have attached a sample letter you may wish to use.

*Consider what a plant closure could mean to your community – the homeowners, businesses, pensioners and GM Dealerships.*

I will be collecting letters of support from community leaders across Canada and would appreciate receiving your letter of support by September 9, 2016. I will be presenting the letters of support to General Motors of Canada as well as to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne to demonstrate that retaining auto-manufacturing jobs are essential for the growth of our local and national economies.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Henry', written over a horizontal line.

John Henry  
Mayor

Att: Sample Letter of Support

## Sample Letter of Support

John Henry  
Mayor  
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[jhenry@oshawa.ca](mailto:jhenry@oshawa.ca)

Dear Mayor Henry,

As the Mayor for The City of Hamilton, I fully understand the importance the Oshawa General Motors Autoplex has on our community. Our community composition includes hourly and salaried employees of General Motors Oshawa. It also includes many pensioners, suppliers, business and home owners, vacationers and families that rely on Oshawa General Motors today and tomorrow.

It is of great concern that little has been offered by General Motors or the Federal and Provincial governments to substantiate the continuation of GM Oshawa.

The closure of the General Motors Autoplex would have a detrimental impact on our community, the Province of Ontario, and the Canadian economy. Hourly and salaried employees of the plant, General Motors of Canada Head Office, retirees, dealerships, suppliers, educational facilities, feeder plants etc., would be affected almost immediately. Ontario's gross domestic product would decrease, consumer spending.

This letter reflects my commitment and support to past, present and future Oshawa General Motors employees in my community.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
The City of Hamilton.