

Dear Friends:

I want to share with you a press release that went out yesterday on my efforts as Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to protect Ontario's auto industry and advance the economic interests of our province at home and abroad.

I am also including a link to a video of my interview on CBC Power and Politics for those interested. To watch it please [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank you for your interest and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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### **Statement by Minister Wilson on Defending Ontario's Businesses and Workers**

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Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

TORONTO — Today, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Honourable Jim Wilson, issued the following statement:

"Today, I presented Ontario's position on the national security investigation of imports of automobiles and automotive parts at the U.S. Department of Commerce's public hearing. I travelled to Washington to stand up for Ontario's auto industry, businesses, and workers.

I reiterated what we know to be true — that Canada and the United States have a great trading relationship. Our trading relationship significantly contributes to the success of both of our economies, and our deeply integrated auto sector has long been a vital part of that growth. We must all preserve and build on this foundation, and avoid any action that might disrupt it.

I made it clear at today's hearing that we must keep the automotive industry and its workers — on both sides of the border — top of mind in our decisions. Workers are the backbone of our integrated auto sector. The imposition of trade measures, such as tariffs, would disrupt the sector, lead to significant negative economic impacts, and threaten job losses for the industry in both Ontario and the United States.

While in Washington, I also took the opportunity to meet with U.S. government officials and key auto sector representatives to reinforce that Ontario is Open

for Business. The jobs created through trade — jobs that support families and businesses — rely on our open border. I am committed to working with the Government of Canada, Ontario businesses and Ontario's U.S. partners, to advance our shared priorities of protecting and creating jobs and supporting a business environment that spurs innovation and growth. I will continue to vigorously defend and advance Ontario's economic interests at home and abroad."

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