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The Last Day- the truck plant in Oshawa

I took some time to ponder the grandness of this situation...I feel for the families who have lost their jobs due to the closure- those people who will have to struggle after having given back so much to our community. I think about the 2nd and 3rd tier suppliers who will be affected by the closure and about how that will affect business in Oshawa. I think about the future and how we need to protect our manufacturing sector.

I think about how we have a regional council that would rather build an incinerator and burn garbage than create good paying, green jobs for the people who have been displaced and I'm saddened.

We, as a community, need to take action. You may feel there is nothing you can do...that is what this government hopes you feel.

I remind all of you that this situation was never the fault of the workers...that jealousy about their wages and benefits is unwarranted...the problem is not that these people were making a living wage..the problem is that not everyone is.

I urge all of you on this historic day, to write Jim Flaherty, Colin Carrie, Mcguinty , etc...and tell them to do the right thing...protect manufacturing, encourage green job creation, fix EI and protect everyone's pensions...and remember it may be GM workers now, but once the door is opened, none of our pensions are ever safe again.

We must fight to be able to have the necessities of life and retire in dignity...it's the least our government can do for us given the fact that we are the ones who have built our communities.

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