



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Canada's New Government delivering real results for auto industry

For immediate release.

OSHAWA, August 8, 2007 - Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa, today reminded the Leader of the Official Opposition Stéphane Dion, who is visiting Oshawa, that Canada's New Government is delivering tangible results to Canadian manufacturers after years of Liberal inaction.

Carrie challenged the Opposition Leader, saying: "After thirteen years of talk and no action under the tired Liberal government, Canadian manufacturers required real movement. Canada's New Government is delivering real results for auto assemblers, auto parts producers and manufacturing sectors across Canada."

On May 28, 2007, Canada's New Government released a comprehensive response to the challenges voiced by Canada's manufacturers. A coalition of manufacturers, including the auto industry, enthusiastically welcomed *Manufacturing: Moving Forward — Rising to the Challenge*. The government's prosperity strategy for Canadian manufacturers -- lower taxes, smart energy policy, better access to skilled labour, protecting intellectual property, strengthening infrastructure, and support research & development – built directly upon our economic blueprint *Advantage Canada*.

In Budget 2007, Canada's New Government introduced an accelerated capital cost allowance, so manufacturers and processors can buy the capital equipment that will allow them to adjust to the higher Canadian dollar and succeed in the global marketplace. Through Budget 2007 our government continued to lower taxes, reduce unnecessary regulation and red tape, build the modern infrastructure we need, and create the most skilled workforce in the world.

Canada's New Government supports the success of Canada's automotive industry. Ontario, the heart of Canada's automotive industry, is enjoying consecutive years as the largest automotive-producing region in North America. Since January 2006, new automotive investment in Canada totals over \$2 billion.

"Canada's New Government is listening to the automotive industry, and delivering real results by addressing specific issues," noted Carrie. "Our government provided considerable funding to increase the speed, certainty and predictability at border crossings, including \$400 million dedicated to the Detroit-Windsor crossing. We committed \$2 million in funding for the Canadian Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) Sector Council; \$21 million for the ecoEnergy for Personal Vehicles program to raise consumer awareness about environmentally friendly cars and trucks; and \$15 million for the ecoTechnology for Vehicles Program to showcase advanced technologies."

Carrie reminded observers, "Our government is creating a supportive business environment that promotes competitiveness, innovation, investment and success — securing manufacturing jobs for Canadians. Canada's New Government is delivering results."

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