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Provincial support for new auto jobs welcomed by Auto Mayors

The Auto Mayors are pleased to see yet another major investment in Canadian auto, with Premier Kathleen Wynne's announcement of an \$80 million grant to support the automotive sector in Windsor ON.

The funding will assist Fiat Chrysler in a multi-billion dollar retooling upgrade to the Windsor Assembly Plant. Last year the plant began production of the Chrysler Pacifica, bringing an additional 1200 jobs to Windsor.

"Every job on the assembly line results in nine to ten spinoff jobs in the surrounding economy," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens. "I am pleased to see the Province acknowledging the profound importance of the auto sector in Windsor and across Ontario."

At the announcement, Premier Wynne also outlined some of the details of a new research and development project in Windsor, supported by the Province. This comes just days after General Motors announced the creation of 1000 new software and engineering jobs in Markhama and Oshawa, as well as an upgrade to its Kapuskasing cold-weather testing facility.

"Recent investments in software development and research jobs demonstrate exactly what makes Canada attractive to auto manufacturers" said Oakville Mayor and Auto Mayors caucus chair Rob Burton. "Canada has the highly-skilled, highly-educated workforce needed to build the connected, electric and automated cars of the future."

About:

The Auto Mayors are a group of municipal leaders working collaboratively with all levels of government to support Canadian automotive manufacturing, and promote awareness of its economic importance to Canada, Ontario, and their respective communities.

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