



Mahoning Valley Legislative Democrats

29 June 2018

Ms. Mary T. Barra
Chief Executive Officer
General Motors Company
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Dear Ms. Barra:

As Mahoning Valley lawmakers who fight for jobs and industries that strengthen our economy and our workers, we are extremely concerned with your recent announcement to lay off workers at the Lordstown, Ohio GM plant, as well as workers in your supply chain across the state. This decision will distress our communities and their families at a time when the American economy and automotive industry are supposedly stronger than ever. We have had a long and productive history with GM and want to continue to support the company as it evolves.

Our communities take pride in the GM vehicles we make. This was on display in 2016 during the 50th anniversary of the Lordstown plant, when more than 10,000 people turned out to celebrate their auto industry heritage. We all remember the pride we took when the first three Chevy Cruzes rolled off the assembly line in 2010, painted red, white and blue. Both of these events represented the determination of a company and community to bounce back and succeed, despite the odds and national naysayers who wanted to write us, and the American auto industry, off.

In addition to the immense pride of the workers and of our communities, the Valley continues to be an asset to GM for logistical reasons, as we have an ample supply of water and natural gas and are centrally located between New York and Chicago with reliable transport infrastructure.

The Valley wants to continue to support GM. As this great American company evolves to meet the demands of the future, the workers at Lordstown want to evolve with the company they have devoted themselves to. There is a will to double down and train the current workforce for the jobs of tomorrow. Our workers and our communities want to continue to be a partner in a mutually beneficial relationship with GM.

We have people in our districts who want to go back to work and continue making a living for their families with pride and dignity. We hope GM will continue to invest in the Mahoning Valley, just as our state and our communities have invested in your company. We urge you to reconsider your decision to reduce opportunities in Lordstown and throughout Ohio and instead utilize the current Lordstown location and collaborate with our creative and committed Valley workers to create a vision for the GM of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



SEN. JOE SCHIAVONI
DISTRICT 33



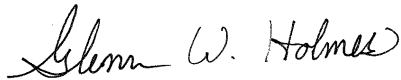
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