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TO: Kansas State Senators

FROM: UAW, Local 31

In today's economic climate, any jobs and/or manufacturing that is done in the State of Kansas provides more economic growth within our community. Our members and the General Motors Corporation have spent a lot of time and resources in the State of Kansas and with this great state's continued interest in its residents and the business they work for, our communities will continue to prosper.

On behalf of the nearly 3500 members that we represent and the 4,000 retirees that our local represents, we would like to express that we are strongly in favor of SB 415.

Attached is an overview of the details regarding the General Motors Fairfax facility.

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Location: 3201 Fairfax Trafficway
Kansas City, Kansas. 66115 United States

**Year
Opened:** 1987

Facility Site Area: 572 Acres/Manufacturing Area under Roof: 85 Acres/# Floor Space: Manufacturing:
Size: 3,044,561 sq. ft./Admin/Mezzanine: 187,948 sq. ft.

Employee Information

Hourly:	3426
Salaried:	317
Total:	3743

Union Local: UAW Local 31

Facility Details

Fairfax Assembly Plant has a long history of producing World Class Quality vehicles in the Kansas City area since 1945. The Kansas City Plant was the first industrial facility to operate as a dual purpose facility producing automobiles and jet fighters in the same building. In 1985 it was announced that a new Fairfax Assembly Plant would be constructed. Since opening the new Fairfax Plant numerous awards have been accomplished by the workforce, represented by UAW Local 31. Soon after investing \$722 million in 2003, the Chevrolet Malibu was launched. In 2005, the Fairfax Plant built its 10 millionth vehicle. Investments of \$651 million in 2006 for the launch of the Saturn Aura, \$208 million in 2008 and \$158 million in 2009 for the Buick LaCrosse, the Fairfax Assembly Plant has become the largest employer in the Kansas City Metro area. Currently, vehicle manufacturing operates on three shifts and produces one vehicle every 58 seconds. In 2010, Fairfax produced over 320,000 vehicles.

Investments

Recent Major Investments:

- 2011 Investment in the LaCrosse eAssist and related upgrades \$20 Million
- 2010 Investment announcement of the New Generation Malibu \$136 Million
- 2009 Launched the all-new Buick LaCrosse. Reinvestment of \$158 Million.
- 2007 Launched the all-new Chevy Malibu. Reinvestment of \$208 Million.
- 2006 Launched the all-new Saturn Aura. Reinvestment of \$651 Million.
- 2003 Launched the Chevy Malibu. Reinvestment of \$722 Million.

Products & Production

Products: Buick LaCrosse, Buick LaCrosse e-Assist & Chevrolet Malibu

Awards

- 2011 Buick LaCrosse Earns NHTSA Five-Star Overall Safety Rating
- 2010 Consumers Report "Recommended Buy" Malibu & LaCrosse
- 2010 Consumers Digest "Best Buy" Malibu & LaCrosse

Community Involvement

Economic Impact:

- Benefits & Wages: \$470,290,445
- State & Local Payroll Taxes: \$14,881,066
- Property Taxes: \$8,945,442