

March 20, 2019

Honourable Bill Morneau
Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Morneau,

I am writing today regarding the announcement on the electric vehicle incentive program included in the federal budget. This electric vehicle incentive is concerning to say the least considering the conditions that are attached to purchasing these vehicles under the proposals in Budget 2019.

First and foremost, by setting the purchase incentive amount of \$5000 for an electric vehicle with a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) below \$45,000, you have effectively eliminated the opportunity for Canadians to purchase the only Canadian built vehicle - the Chrysler Pacifica Plug-in Hybrid. The Pacifica hybrid has a MSRP of \$51,995, and therefore, does not qualify under this proposal.

As you are aware, we recently lost an opportunity for new investment with Fiat Chrysler (FCA) selecting Detroit, Michigan, for the newest \$6.5 billion dollar investment in their Jeep brand. Although my community has the FCA assembly plant which makes family-friendly electric vehicles, these same workers cannot purchase their own product under this plan. Instead, they must purchase a foreign-made vehicle from a foreign company to qualify under this plan. This is a plant that the Prime Minister visited.

Lastly, I must state my disappointment with the lack of a Canadian automotive policy which could have boosted Canadian automotive manufacturing and jobs. There is no focused plan to attract new investment and this electric vehicle plan does not protect our own industry. For a government that states in Parliament that you stand with Canadian auto workers, this plan does not send them that message.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that you reconsider this plan as you move forward to allow Canadian consumers the opportunity to purchase the only Canadian-made electric vehicle – the Chrysler Pacifica hybrid – under the electric vehicle incentive. I believe it is vital that this option is debated before your final plan is complete. Thank you kindly in advance for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and would be pleased to discuss this further.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Masse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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