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**Subject:** RE: Letter from Nikki Ashton (NDP MP):

No. We haven't received a GJO proposal through formal channels like the portal—they seem to be making their pitch through petitions and headlines. Discussions with GM Canada on the retooling file are ongoing and we have a good story to tell on supply-side work with the auto sector.

See below for additional context—we seem to have some pretty fundamental differences of opinion about the role of industry and the private sector in all this.

### Text of the Green Jobs Oshawa PPE petition:

*Some companies have stepped forward to assist in making ventilators and masks, but it is not enough to meet the need, and we cannot rely on the good will of corporations. Meanwhile, most of the 10 million square foot GM Oshawa complex lies idle.*

*The Ontario and Canadian governments must use their emergency powers to order the production that we urgently need.*

*We therefore demand:*

- Prime Minister Trudeau and/or Premier Ford issue an immediate order for the production of essential medical equipment and supplies in the Oshawa GM complex and related supplier facilities.*
- Use this as the first step towards establishing a Crown Corporation in the vacant 90% of the GM Oshawa complex, to provide a secure source of vitally necessary medical and other products for the future, including what we will need for transitioning to sustainable energy.*

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Merci. Are we considering the proposal?

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Hi Sabrina,

Re: point 4, we first encountered Green Jobs Oshawa late last summer—the general concept is that the GM Oshawa workforce could be tapped to make EVs and the Government should bankroll this transformation. The specifics of the proposal have always been a moving target. Leading advocates are Linda McQuaig and some former GM Oshawa workers. The dollar figure was north of \$1B and some versions of the proposal called for the GoC to buy the plant outright from GM.

They've substituted PPE for EVs in a COVID context.

We took a media request on this from Global last week—pasted below for reference:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6801983/green-jobs-oshawa-gm-plant-medical-supplies/>

*Request: I'm hoping to get a statement from you responding to a group of former GM employees (Green Jobs Oshawa) who have written a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau calling on the government to re-open Oshawa's GM plant so they can start manufacturing medical equipment and supplies. Is the PM considering this proposal?*

*Response: Canadian businesses and manufacturers are answering the call to provide critical support to our health care workers, who are on the front lines of our country's fight against COVID-19. As the situation continues to evolve, our government will be there to work with Canadian industry to find solutions that will support our medical professionals and protect the health and safety of all Canadians.*

*On March 20, we called on industry to help deliver critical health supplies and since then, we have spoken directly with almost 5,000 Canadian companies that have offered their expertise and capacity. We welcome General Motors' valuable donations of personal protective and safety equipment and sanitizing supplies to help Canada's health care professionals and look forward to exploring how we can work together in the future.*

Let us know if you're looking for anything further on this.

Thanks,

Sam

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**Subject:** FW: Letter from Nikki Ashton (NDP MP):

Hi team,

Flaggin' that Nikki Ashton wrote to the PM about the desperate need for PPEs in First Nations and Northern communities. Letter is attached.

She says:

- 1) The PPE supplies being sent out by ISC are limited & do not meet community needs.
- 2) We need a nationally coordinated approach & national mobilization of resources to produce PPE because the approach where provinces are pursuing their own PPE approaches is not working.
- 3) She says MB officials have already made it clear that there are shortages of N95s, gloves and gowns.
- 4) She says a nationalized approach to production could include listening to Green Jobs Oshawa that has called on us to direct GM to re-open its abandoned plant and have laid off & retired workers producing PPE.

For point 1 – we may want to ask officials tonight about what they're hearing from P/Ts & communities re pressures that Indigenous communities are facing.

Point 2 is silly – we have a coordinated federal approach & there's nothing wrong with P/Ts procuring stuff on their own in concert with it. Plus we're helping P/Ts get their own orders across the ocean.

Point 3 – we had heard MB had some pressures on gloves but that we had sent them some supplies to help with that. Maybe we should check in tonight on whether the glove pressure remains in MB & if they're hearing about any urgent needs from the province on N95s & gowns too.

On point 4 – ISED do you have any info about this ask?

Thanks!

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