



Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry Sign-On Letter

Ohio has always been an auto manufacturing state and is home to **over 108,000 jobs in the industry**.¹ Automakers have pledged to **invest \$330 billion on electric vehicle production by 2025**.² Manufacturers are deciding now where to site those facilities, and therefore where the jobs will be.

To protect and grow this vital part of Ohio's economy, we must demonstrate to automakers that **we are serious about remaining a strong partner** to the auto industry as it shifts to EV production.

The Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry bill will accomplish three key things:

Protect and grow Ohio jobs by investing in workforce training and factory retooling.

- Funding for workforce training and factory retooling across the industry is key to ensuring that vehicles and parts continue to be made in Ohio.
 - Incentives to retool factories to produce EVs and EV parts will signal to automakers that Ohio embraces EVs and encourage them to invest in our state.
 - Workforce training ensures we have a qualified workforce to support this expanding market and supports the growth of quality jobs related to charging and maintaining EVs.

Encourage growth in the Ohio EV market through fleet and consumer vehicle incentives.

- Manufacturers want to produce their vehicles where they can sell them. Encouraging growth in the EV market in Ohio sends a clear signal that we are serious about remaining a strong partner to the auto industry as it shifts to EV production.
 - Fleets are very interested in saving money by switching to fuel efficient, low maintenance vehicles. This incentive helps make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible, while allowing fleets to see the financial return on investment sooner.
 - Incentives are needed to encourage greater electric vehicle adoption to mass market levels and make EVs more affordable for the average consumer³.

Position Ohio for the future of manufacturing through the creation of a state EV task force and electrification plan.

- We must keep our finger on the pulse of the global auto industry as it rapidly transitions in order to leverage trends for the greatest benefit for Ohio's economy.
- A task force operating at the state level with the right representation from the legislature, relevant state agencies, and other public and private stakeholders would be best positioned to do this.

¹ https://www.jobsohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/JobsOhio_Automotive_Brochure_FA_07.pdf

² <https://www.autosinnovate.org/about/advocacy/EV%20Advocacy%20Packet%20April%202021.pdf>

³ https://theicct.org/sites/default/files/publications/ICCT_IZEV-incentives-comp_201606.pdf

The Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry bill will send a strong signal to the industry that **Ohio is all in on EVs.**

As organizations that will be affected by the global transition of the auto industry to electric vehicles and that care about the future of Ohio's economy, **we support the passage of the Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry Bill.**

