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**Testimony In Support of SB415**

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**On Behalf of: The General Motors Company**

**Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee**

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today in support of Senate Bill 415. My name is John Federico, and I appear before you today representing the General Motors Company and more specifically, the Kansas City, Kansas Fairfax Assembly Plant.

General Motors has been a fixture in Kansas since 1945 and is proud to have manufactured vehicles in this state for over 65 years. With recent investments in the plant over the last 8 years totaling more than \$2 billion, General Motors has shown their commitment to Kansas.

The Fairfax Assembly plant is one of only 13 General Motors automobile manufacturing facilities in the US. The benefits derived from its location in Kansas are many;

- It is one of the state's largest employers with close to 4,000 employees
- The plant pays \$470M annually in wages and benefits
- It pays close to \$15M annually in local and state payroll taxes
- The plant is responsible for \$9M in annual property taxes

We are eager to support SB 415 as it is a proactive step to support one of the state's most valuable assets. Further, SB415 is a pro-Kansas, pro-business, pro-worker bill that demonstrates Kansas' understanding that a robust and stable workforce provides benefits that can be felt statewide. On a daily basis the legislature makes policy decisions that seeks to; enhance and/or stabilize the economy, promote job retention, and incentivize employers to continue to invest in the state of Kansas. SB415 satisfies all of those goals.

We urge your support of SB 415.

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