

December 12, 2008

Mr. Dave VanKesteren, M.P.  
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Dear Dave:

We recognize that the government budgets are being carefully reviewed for 2009. As you are aware, it is clearly identifiable that our region is feeling the effects of an uncertain economic climate. The Chatham-Kent, and Southwestern Ontario, viability is largely dependant on industry, and in large part, the automotive sector. These trying times require action to ease the burden and stress currently placed on business.

It is imperative that attention is paid to support the communities that are feeling the effects of business layoffs, closings and the hesitation to further invest into their business. We ask that the Chatham-Kent voice is heard in Parliament and our community concerns are addressed. In these incredibly challenging times, we have great need for a loud voice to champion the needs of our community.

We believe that now is an opportune time to invest in much needed infrastructure. Noting our previous interests of the Windsor-Detroit border crossing, the high speed rail initiative and Charing Cross Road/Hwy. 401 interchange, we feel these projects would not only be of great benefit to business and the economy at all levels but would also provide employment during their undertaking and drive new commerce opportunities.

We offer our assistance in working with you along with fellow elected representatives at municipal, provincial and federal governments for the betterment Chatham-Kent, Ontario and our country.

Yours truly,

Brent DeNure  
Chair