

# IREK KUSMIERCZYK

## Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh



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To start, I hope that you and your family had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

To show our thanks to the frontline and essential workers, businesses, community organizations and volunteers that continue to support us during the pandemic, we took out a front page in The Windsor Star that folks could place in their window that says - Thank You. It was well received!

Thanks to PM Justin Trudeau for coming on AM800 to talk about the big federal auto investment of \$295 million that will protect good paying auto jobs, and grateful for Ministers Mendicino and Hajdu joining CTV and CBC to discuss the new border rules that allow families to reunite while protecting cross-border communities like ours by keeping the border closed to non-essential travel.

Finally, a special thanks to my friend and colleague Minister Chagger for her keynote address at the International Day of the Girl event organized in Windsor-Essex by local organization Build-A-Dream.

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# Bringing Families Together

Our government understands the importance of reuniting families during these difficult times. Our responsible plan maintains the safety of Canadians in border-communities like ours, while allowing loved ones to reconnect and support each other.

We have introduced processes to support enhanced family reunification, entry for compassionate reasons, and the safe and gradual entry of some international students.

More specifically, these processes will provide for the entry of:

- Certain extended family members of Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents, including those in an exclusive, long-term dating relationship of at least 1 year and their dependent children, as well as adult children, grandchildren, siblings and grandparents
- Foreign nationals for compassionate reasons in specific circumstances, such as life-threatening illness, critical injury or death, with potential limited release from quarantine
- International students, starting October 20, if they will be attending a designated learning institution that has been identified by their provincial or territorial government as having a COVID19 readiness plan in place

Detailed information as to who may qualify as an extended family member and the process and requirements to be eligible to travel to and enter Canada will be available on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website. There will be a robust process in place for extended family members, and each traveller will need to apply for and be issued an authorization before they can travel to Canada.

While new measures to allow admissibility will be in place, travellers should not make any travel plans until they have received proper authorizations.

**Canada to strengthen border measures  
aimed at protecting the health and safety  
of Canadians and to modify entry rules  
for family members, compassionate cases  
and international students.**



# Battery-Electric Vehicle Manufacturing

This week, Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** announced our commitment to **Ford Motor Company of Canada's** investment in its Oakville and Windsor manufacturing plants.

This **\$1.84 billion** project will include **\$295 million** in federal funding that will secure 5,400 well-paying auto jobs in Canada and grow our green economy, especially in regions like Windsor-Essex where thousands of Canadians are employed across the auto supply chain.

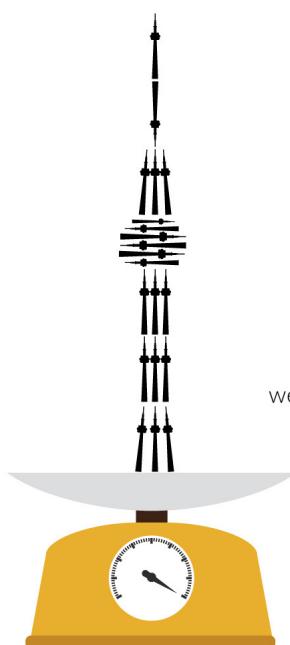
Battery-electric vehicle (BEV) production is in line with the Government of Canada's commitment to sustainable growth. Electrification will allow us to position the innovative Canadian automotive industry as a global leader in BEV manufacturing.

**Battery-electric vehicles are the green choice of the future, and we're making sure Canada is leading the charge.**

The re-tooled all-electric Oakville assembly complex will secure 5,400 jobs, grow our green economy, and keep Canada on the cutting edge of electric vehicle technology.



## Banning Single Use Plastics



**OVER  
3 MILLION  
TONNES of  
PLASTICS**  
were discarded as waste in Canada in 2016\*

That's as heavy as  
**20 CN Towers.**

Our government is committed to fighting climate change, and building a healthier, greener, more competitive Canada.

This week we took action to protect our environment by banning single use plastics by 2021 - including:

- Plastic Bags
- Stir Sticks
- Cutlery
- Straws
- Six Pack Rings

We continue to take action for our planet by introducing policies that better balance environmental and economic goals.

This is why

We're **banning** single-use plastics.

\*According to a recent study conducted by Deloitte.

# #Grateful

On this Thanksgiving weekend, Shauna and I had much to be thankful for as we celebrated our second wedding anniversary - also known as the cotton anniversary.

We were blessed to spend an afternoon in the county taking in the beautiful fall colours, and also being able to share Thanksgiving dinner with both our parents together.

In this month of Thanksgiving, Shauna and I wish you and your loved ones an abundance of health and love.



## We Are Here to Help



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Let us help you find the right answer and navigate federal programs, services and agencies, including:

- **Canada Revenue Agency:** Canada Child Benefit (CCB), tax inquiries
- **Service Canada:** Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS)
- **Immigration and Citizenship:** Passport Canada, Permanent Residency, Family Sponsorship
- **COVID-19 Support:** Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)