

# **146.5 million reasons not to invest here**



It was a small story tucked away in a corner of the business section of the Globe and Mail. Toyota will build its next generation Lexus not in Cambridge or Woodstock but in Georgetown, Kentucky. Even the largest car company in the world is shunning Ontario, the most expensive place in North America to manufacture anything. The ES350 will be built in the deep southern United States where power costs are a small fraction of what they are here and where job hungry state and municipal governments walk on water to attract auto investment and jobs. Unlike Ontario, the State of Kentucky is offering Toyota \$146.5 million in incentives to build cars there. Kathleen Wynne doesn't get it.

She and former premier Dalton McGuinty destroyed manufacturing in Ontario by blighting the province with wind turbines and uncompetitive energy costs. She's closing Lambton Generating Station by the end of the year. She's replacing a perfectly good power source with half billion dollars worth of gas generation less than a kilometre away.

Wynne could convert Lambton Generating for a fraction of the cost. Instead of creating jobs, she's destroying them. Three hundred will be unemployed at Courtright by Christmas. She's out of control and the largest auto manufacturer in the world knows it.

Toyota is ignoring a provincial government that is out of touch with reality. Unlike Wynne, Toyota knows it must build cars people want in a competitive marketplace and Ontario is anything but. Power costs are too high. Labour costs are too high. Taxes are too high. And there are too many bureaucrats pushing around too much paper. Kathleen Wynne, or as Brian Keelan calls her Kathleen McWynnty is allowing wind turbines to be built next to million dollar homes along Lakeshore Road in Plympton Wyoming. Everywhere we go in Ontario we can see the power but we just can't afford it. Toyota can see that too and must surely be asking the same question. What to hell is Kathleen Wynne thinking?