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#### Automotive Industry

#### **Ms. Ruby Dhalla (Brampton—Springdale, Lib.):**

Mr. Speaker, "We must not miss an opportunity to lead, to confront a crisis that knows no borders". Those are the words of President Obama.

The Americans have a government that is delivering for its people. Canadians are stuck with a government that has been absent, that has failed to provide leadership and take any action.

Will the Conservative government back the warranties for Canadians who own GM and Chrysler cars? The Americans got that assurance on Monday. When will the government step up to the plate and deliver the same for Canadians?

#### **Hon. Tony Clement (Minister of Industry, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, we are examining the American situation. The Americans have not come up with any details.

The hon. member talks about leadership. There is no leadership on the other side. They Liberals remind me of that *Seinfeld* episode where the person knew how to take the car reservation, he just did not know what to do with the car reservation. On that side, they aspire to the leadership, but if they ever got it, they would not know what to do with it. That is not leadership.

#### **Ms. Ruby Dhalla (Brampton—Springdale, Lib.):**

Mr. Speaker, this is not a *Seinfeld* episode. This is a reality that Canadians are living day in and day out.

The auto sector is on life support and band-aid solutions will simply not work. The job losses across the country are increasing every day. To date, the government has done nothing to reach out to help those who are struggling.

Chrysler closed its third shift and my constituents in Brampton—Springdale lost their jobs in the thousands. Now thousands of others in my constituency are in limbo.

What will the government do to help?

#### **Hon. Tony Clement (Minister of Industry, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, as was indicated, we are working in concert with the Ontario government, the Dalton McGuinty government. We are working in concert with the Obama administration. He praised Canada's leadership when he made his speech to the people of the United States of America on Monday.

We are leading. We are showing the way. At times, the Obama administration has taken our lead. At other times, we have had those discussions and we are working in concert with it.

That is the kind of collaborative leadership that we show. On the other side, we have a multitude of voices: no actual policy, sound and fury, signifying nothing.

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