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Frank Valeriote outraged that Canadian contract goes to United States

Frank Valeriote, Member of Parliament for Guelph, is discouraged and outraged with the Conservative government's decision to take its business south of the border.

“In the midst of the economic crisis and significant job losses in the manufacturing sector, it is imperative that Canadian tax dollars are spent in putting Canadians to work,” said Valeriote. Recent media reports indicate the Conservative government awarded a \$274-million contract to Navistar International in the United States for the purchase of 1,300 military trucks.

“At a time when we're looking for money, and prepared to enter deficit territory to kick-start the Canadian economy, we should, at the very least, be looking to our Canadian manufacturers first when we are presenting a \$274-million contract. We cannot neglect working Canadian families and the jobs they count on,” said Valeriote. “It is the essence of hypocrisy for this government to commit to economic stimulus on one day and send its own contracts out of Canada on the next. I hope this does not represent an attitude that will prevail in the upcoming budget, one of total disregard for the protection and creation of Canadian jobs.”

Valeriote is calling on the federal government to take every possible opportunity to invest in Canada and invest in Canadian workers.

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