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General Motors Property Tax Exemption Senate Bill 235

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports Senate Bill 235. General Motors and KCK have a long history going back to the 1950's when GM was building cars at the same plant where F-84 fighter jets were produced. The original Fairfax assembly plant was home to the North American Bomber Production Plant which built the B-25 Mitchell. The present plant opened in 1987 and currently produces the Chevrolet Malibu and the Buick LaCrosse. The Fairfax plant rolls a car off the assembly line every 58 seconds.

General Motors recently announced its plans to invest \$600-million to expand the Fairfax Assembly Plant by 450,000 square feet to accommodate a new paint shop facility, stamping press and process improvements.

A resolution of intent to issue \$120-million in Industrial Revenue Bonds was approved by the Unified Government in 2012. The expansion retains the existing 3,700 employees. The State of Kansas and Board of Public Utilities were heavily involved in this project as well. GM has announced plans to make \$1.5B in investments globally.

Senate Bill 235 streamlines the process for GM and ensures Wyandotte County will still receive a payment in lieu of taxes.

1987	Current Plant Operational	\$1B+ investment
2003	Chevy Malibu Launched	\$722M investment 375 jobs added
2006	Saturn Aura Launched	\$651M investment
2007	New Chevy Malibu	\$208M
2009	Buick LaCrosse Line	\$158M 3 rd shift – 945 jobs added
2010	New Chevy Malibu	\$136M
2011	Buick LaCrosse eAssist Upgrades	\$20M
2012	Paint Shop Expansion	\$600M

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