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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
House of Commons
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Dear Minister,

RE: Government of Canada Funding to Electric Vehicles Battery Plants

On Friday, December 3rd, you responded to my question in Question Period and said that you negotiated the \$15 billion subsidy that Canadian governments are giving to Stellantis to build their \$5 Billion battery plant in Windsor.

In fact, I believe that you were the signatory for the federal government's initial Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) subsidy of half a billion dollars to build this facility, in 2022. Canadians recall your subsequent 'giveaway negotiations' (and most people rolled their eyes at the absence of any apparent 'negotiation') when you signed off on an arrangement delivering a vast transfer of taxpayer dollars to Volkswagen, which received all they wanted in a \$15 Billion dollar fiasco to subsidize the assembly of EV batteries. Clearly, all the 'negotiators' were on the other side of the table.

Stellantis responded by ceasing construction on their facility, until you eventually agreed to give them the same terms as the Volkswagen contract profligacy.

I'm going to suggest you learn the difference between 'negotiation' and 'capitulation'. But it seems clear you were not paying attention.

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So, in your bluster that the Stellantis deal was based on your vaunted 'negotiating', were you just mistaking the \$15 Billion giveaway with the initial \$1 Billion combined government subsidy? Or were you misleading the House of Commons and, thereby, all Canadians?

Regards,

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