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**Frank Valeriote, M.P.
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Frank Valeriote echoes local priorities in first speech

The economy, the environment, child care and research and development are critical issues that should be at the forefront of Canada's agenda, says Frank Valeriote, Member of Parliament for Guelph.

"In my first speech in the House of Commons, I wanted to highlight the issues that I have heard on the streets and doorsteps in Guelph," said Valeriote. "The economy and the plight of the auto industry go hand-in-hand in Guelph—I have been working hard to get this Conservative government to commit to partner with the auto industry in the form of a repayable loan. Abandoning the auto industry is simply not an option—the job loss would devastate all sectors of our economy nationally and locally.

Valeriote also spoke of the need for the federal government to be a meaningful partner in research and development activities undertaken at the University of Guelph.

"I am constantly amazed and impressed with the innovation that exists within the university. I believe the government has a role in turning those ideas into jobs for Guelph," said Valeriote.

Valeriote also spoke about Guelph's Clean Energy Plan and the increasing shortage of child care spaces and early childhood education in Guelph.

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The complete text of Frank Valeriote's Maiden Speech is attached. The Speech was presented in the House of Commons on November 26, 2008.

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