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**United Auto Workers (UAW) Document Shows Plan for New Product, \$900 Million Investment at Ford Ohio Assembly Plant (OHAP)**

**Avon Lake, Ohio:** On Friday, November 1, the UAW released a document titled "UAW Ford Contract Summary: Hourly Workers." Page 7 of that document is labeled "Product and Investment," and lists eight assembly operations that are slated for new investment. Ohio Assembly Plant is one of them, and the planned new investment is \$900 million. And included in the description of the investment is "New product to be added in 2023."

The City of Avon Lake is overjoyed at this news. This would certainly be among the largest investments, and the largest job creations that Avon Lake has ever seen. While Avon Lake acknowledges that there is a myriad of factors in Ford's decision to invest in the Ohio Assembly Plant, the City would like to think that the company's relationship with Avon Lake was at least a small consideration.

"We are pleased that Ford, the State of Ohio, Team NEO, the UAW and the City of Avon Lake have built such a positive working relationship," says Avon Lake Mayor Greg Zilka. The City has always prided itself on the relationship that it has developed with Ford and with the members of the UAW that work at the plant. Through the Job Growth Incentive Program that Avon Lake created in 2012, the City has returned to Ford over \$115,000 of the income tax revenue that the company generated for the City as a recognition of what the Ohio Assembly Plant means to Avon Lake. "As a city, we try to find ways to support all of our businesses, and hope that our support can facilitate growth," says Avon Lake Economic Development Director Ted Esborn. "But today's news from Ford and the UAW is tremendous good fortune for the City. We are fortunate and grateful."