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Michigan Corporate State Fusion \$1 Billion Boondoggle

This report is a follow up to last Friday's message on the dangers of Corporate State Fusion plans.

Michigan has spent \$1 billion in corporate incentives and pledged hundreds of millions more for major electric-vehicle and battery projects that so far have created about 200 jobs. **Your tax dollars bought 200 jobs at \$5,000,000 per job.**

What a deal!

These are the key points you need to know:

- **The Whitmer administration, in conjunction with Statehouse leadership, discarded controls typically used in economic development**
- **The state has already spent \$1 billion on EV and battery plants. Most are delayed or downsized**
- **The plants, which are years from completion, have created about 200 jobs**

In case you were wondering why this horrific deal for Michigan got done, look no further than Michigan's corruptin index.

The level of corruption in Michigan is staggering. It's Democrats, it's Republicans, its the entire political establishment, which is mostly a cesspool of morally bankrupt dirtbags working on behalf of corporations and the wealthy instead of the middle and lower class.

That much is evident to anyone paying attention, and things are so bad that in 2012 the FBI organized the Detroit Area Public Corruption Task Force — which is made up of local, state, and federal law officials — to tackle the issue. The task force is still operating, and in some cases local authorities aren't informed of the feds' activities because they can't be trusted.

In 2019 when these EV plant deals were in their gestation, *Metro Times* reported that more than 40 southeast Michigan officials are under federal investigation. U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider underscored the extent of the problem, saying "Our statistics show we (Michigan) lead the nation in corruption cases, by far." Every state has about one corruption case each year, Schneider said, while larger districts like New York City, Los Angeles, and Miami, usually see around four. In Michigan there were about 18 per year for the last five years.

"We definitely have a more significant corruption issue here in the Michigan region," Schneider said.

The \$1 Billion in spent dollars so far is roughly half of the \$2 billion-plus Michigan has pledged since 2022 to five companies: Ford Motor Co., Gotion Inc. (a company owed and controlled by Communist China), LG Energy Solution and Our Next Energy for battery factories, and General Motors Corp. for a battery factory and expanded EV production.

Whitmer announced the companies would invest \$16 billion total and create 12,000 jobs. But all the projects are behind schedule and two have downsized, reducing best-case job expectations by 13%.

Two years later this is the result:

- **Hiring remains at less than 2% of promises**
- **Should the projects under-deliver or fall apart, new rules could make it harder for Michigan to claw back money already spent**
- **The state paid at least \$70 million to buy land for two of the gigafactories, payments that Michigan officials did not explicitly disclose**

You would think that at some point mchigan officials would realize it a bad deal. But instead of realizing the error, they dug an even deeper money pit and spent **another \$78.3 million** on one startup, Our Next Energy, that promised to create 2,112 jobs and invest \$1.6 billion in an EV gigafactory. Instead, it has 50 workers at the project in southern Wayne County and laid off 25% of its company-wide workforce.

To date, Michigan has already given \$51 million in loans and spent at least another \$600 million on utility hookups and factory equipment, in addition to the land purchases for two of the five battery megadeals, Ford and Communist Controlled Gotion.

GM has received at least \$468 million of the state's combined \$600 million incentive promise for a battery factory in Delta Township and an expanded EV factory at Orion Assembly in north Oakland County.

Originally expected to open this year, both remain under construction.

Combined, the projects have hired 120 workers total out of the 4,000 publicly touted by Whitmer when the subsidy was announced.

However, neither Whitmer nor economic development officials clarified that Michigan in fact only required the automaker to deliver 3,200 jobs to get a subsidy and land-improvement package worth \$666 million from the state.

GM won't say when either factory may run at full capacity.

In Big Rapids, Gotion announced in August that it bought 270 acres near Big Rapids for its battery component factory.

Six months later, Michigan cut a check for \$23.6 million to an economic development company, which then reimbursed Gotion for the land acquisitions.

Michigan paid about \$88,000 an acre, records show. The actual fair market value of the land is far, far less. The reality is that the lobbyists and corporate interests that facilitated the deal made massive illicit profits on both ends of the deal.

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