

## Chamber urges province to stay competitive for businesses

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The head of Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce wants Ontario's finance minister to ensure the province's business sector remains competitive.

Companies in Ontario could be looking to expand in the U.S., unless there is help from the government, explained chamber president Matt Marchand, in response to Ontario's fall economic statement from Finance Minister Charles Sousa.

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The minister talked about Ontario's booming economy, which is allowing him to increase spending and balancing next year's budget at the same time.

Marchand says province needs to do more to bring down costs for business, particularly because of the change in government in the U.S.

"We are seriously thinking at not expanding here," Marchand said about businesses in the Windsor region. "We are looking at the U.S."

Marchand says cost of electricity is a key factor in businesses considering leaving Ontario.

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