

Biden Pledges to Layoff Tank Workers in Ohio

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During Thursday evening's debate, Biden announced that "Made in Ohio" M1 Abrams tanks would be slashed from the Pentagon budget if President Barack Obama gets re-elected to the White House. Fox News reports that, "Ohio is home to the only tank production site in the country, and M1 tanks were spotlighted during Ryan's first joint appearance with Mitt Romney after the vice presidential debate." In the town of Lancaster, Ryan said to a crowd of thousands that, "when you say it's OK to impose these devastating cuts on our military … that we don't need any more Lima-built M1 tanks, what we are doing is we're projecting weakness, and when we project weakness abroad our enemies become more brazen." According to Fox News, "when Ryan campaigned in Lima, Ohio, in September, he called the Pentagon's tank proposal a "budget gimmick." The military has calculated that idling the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center would save up to \$3 billion, but General Dynamics Corp., and Ohio members of Congress say it would cost more money to idle production than to keep it going at a slow click. House and Senate committees have passed measures to restore funding but critics accuse lawmakers of falling prey to political donations, pointing to the thousands of tanks being stored in California and their vulnerability to IED attacks." To read the entire article from Fox News, link here: Tmcgregordallas@yahoo.com