



## Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association

Your First Call for Global Intelligence on the Motor Vehicle Supplier Industry

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Dear Members of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress:

On behalf of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, I am writing to share with you our industry's legislative priorities for the coming year. As the nation's largest manufacturing sector, motor vehicle parts suppliers employ over 685,000 people across the country and this employment in turn supports 3.2 million additional jobs. Suppliers are at the forefront of technology, producing the parts and equipment that help make today's vehicles safer and more fuel efficient. Enclosed is a copy of our industry brochure entitled, *Motor Vehicle Parts Suppliers: Moving America Part by Part*.

Supplier companies and the automotive and truck industries are rebounding from the very difficult economic climate the nation has witnessed over the past two years. Our members are eager to expand their businesses and hire new workers to meet the expected upturn in vehicle production and the increased need for maintenance for the cars and trucks already on the road. We do, however, believe this economic recovery could be threatened by overreaching legislation and regulation, and we urge Congress to act to help manufacturers retain and grow the domestic job base.

We are calling upon Congress to help create a balanced framework of laws and regulations that provide a conducive environment to hire workers, conduct research and development, and keep manufacturing here in the United States. Specifically, we support:

- **Energy policy and legislation** that address the development and deployment of components and technology that improve fuel efficiencies and reduce emissions; provide assistance for retooling; and, offer incentives for the purchase of advanced medium- and heavy-duty vehicles;
- **Expansion of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program** at the Department of Energy that encompasses supplier technologies, extends the program to medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and components, and increases the authorized cap;
- **Passage of a transportation reauthorization bill** which would include a framework for a national vehicle safety inspection program and an incentive for the purchase of vehicles equipped with heavy-duty safety technology;
- **A remanufacturing policy** that provides for greater use of remanufactured parts in the federal fleet and an even playing field for the export of remanufactured products;
- **A strengthened and permanent R&D Tax Credit**; and
- **Passage of the REINS Act**, which would require Congressional approval for major regulatory actions.

We look forward to working with your office on these important objectives that we believe will help motor vehicle parts manufacturers and remanufacturers continue to move the economy forward, save existing jobs, and hire new workers.

Additionally, our members will be in Washington in early March for our annual Legislative Summit. We hope you will be able to attend our **Congressional Reception and Supplier Fair** on Wednesday, March 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Rayburn Cafeteria. We also hope to visit your office to discuss these objectives on Thursday, March 3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert E. McKenna  
President and CEO



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