









April 17, 2020

The Honorable Michael Pompeo Secretary of State U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street NW Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of associations representing virtually the entire U.S. motor vehicle and parts manufacturing industry, we would like to express our appreciation of the administration's efforts to both address the on-going public health emergency, and support the safe resumption of economic activity in the United States. It is important to note that our industry depends on its highly integrated North American manufacturing supply chain and regional collaboration and alignment to manufacture the motor vehicles that operate nationwide. We request that you urgently communicate with your counterparts in Mexico and Canada to ensure there is regional alignment on the restart of motor vehicle manufacturing, including associated supply chains, when conditions are safe to do so.

During this time of national, regional, and global crisis, our highest priority is the health and safety of our employees, our customers, and the communities where we live and work. Even as we focus on immediate needs and concerns, we must also consider the actions required by industry and government to turn the motor vehicle manufacturing and distribution machine back on. With production facilities, supply chains and other vital operations located throughout the North American region, it is essential that North American nations work collaboratively to facilitate the safe resumption of operations.

While sovereign nations have a responsibility to take any steps they believe are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, we encourage the United States government to work with our Canadian and Mexican trading partners on measures necessary to resume production, including consistent guidance on the essential and critical nature of motor vehicle manufacturing and associated supply chains.

We recognize the significant demands on your time and the work you are doing to keep the public safe. We also stand ready to be a resource as you work to provide updates to industry and the public about what is necessary for businesses large and small as they work to do their part to restart our respective economies. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us directly should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Kelly Craft, U.S. Ambassador to Canada