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May 5, 2020

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Pompeo:

Thank you for leading the U.S. government effort to encourage Mexico to set essential industry directives consistent with those in the United States and Canada. We at the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) appreciate all that Ambassador Christopher Landau and his team are doing to build support in the Mexican government for the reopening of essential industries like motor vehicles and parts manufacturing in Mexico as quickly as possible. In addition, your colleagues at the Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative have also been very helpful on this critical issue to motor vehicle and parts manufacturing supply chains.

No sector has more complex supply chains or provides more direct manufacturing jobs than motor vehicle parts manufacturing, employing over 871,000 people across the United States. Without parts from Mexico, it will be virtually impossible for U.S. motor vehicle assembly plants to restart.

On behalf of our 1,000 MEMA member companies in this critical sector, I urge you and your team to advocate for an industry-wide motor vehicle parts manufacturing reopening date in Mexico of May 12, 2020. In that effort I am joined with the undersigned member companies of MEMA.

May 12 will be slightly ahead of planned May 18 opening of numerous U.S. assembly plants, which is an essential step to enable original equipment production to occur on that date. Suppliers' reopening can be effectively managed by a ramp-up of manufacturing spread over a number of shifts to further enhance social distancing and allow for greater hygiene in plants.

We understand the public health issues facing Mexico and we have been proud to assist in the manufacture of personal protective equipment (PPE) and components and parts for ventilators and other essential medical devices in Mexico and across North America. Through the MEMA's Original Equipment Suppliers Association division (OESA), we have worked directly with automakers to develop industry recommended Health and Safety Guidelines¹ for all suppliers. Many of our members have done likewise. These resources are based on CDC guidance and World Health Organization publications and cover fundamental topics of workplace safety: education and communication, prescreening of personnel, social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing protocols, and other necessary steps. The industry continues to work relentlessly to plan for the return of our workforce in Mexico and the safe reopening of facilities throughout the country.

The U.S. vehicle parts manufacturing community in North America is ready to restart and we are committed to building public confidence in our ability to safely reopen our places of business. As we look to the future, delays in reopening facilities would increase liquidity risk for suppliers and jeopardize long-term capital investment and employment in North America.

We ask you to request clear authority for vehicle suppliers to restart their operations in Mexico on May 12, prior to the start of a significant level of OEM production in the U.S. on May 18. We

¹ <https://www.oesa.org/health-and-safety-resources-suppliers-coronavirus-environment>



welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to you and to Mexican leaders that suppliers are ready to restart manufacturing in a safe and careful manner befitting continued employment and public health in Mexico and across North America.

Sincerely,



Bill Long
President and CEO

CC: The Honorable Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Mark Esper, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative

The Following Motor Vehicle Component and Equipment Manufacturers Support This Letter:

ABC Technologies	Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.
Action Truck Parts	Coastal Automotive
Acument Global Technologies	Creative Extruded Products, LLC
ADAC Automotive	Dana
Allison Transmission	Delphi Technologies
ALUDYNE	DENSO International America Inc.
American Axle & Manufacturing	Diesel Service Center
Aptiv	DieselCore
Arconic Corp	Eberspaecher North America
BBB Industries	Elgin Industries
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems	Faurecia
BorgWarner Inc.	Freudenberg NA Limited Partnership
Brake Parts Inc. (BPI)	GHSP, Inc.
Brembo North America, Inc.	Gil-Mar Manufacturing
Bridgestone Americas, Inc.	Global OE Commercial Vehicle
Brose North America, Inc.	Grote Industries
Busche Performance Group	Hallex, NA
Cadillac Products	HD Brakes and 5th Wheel Group
Chrysan Industries, Inc.	Hendrickson International
Clean Energy Systems	Henniges Automotive

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HIROTEC AMERICA	Piston Group LLC
IEE Sensing, Inc.	Plastomer Corporation
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	Powers and Sons, LLC
International Fuel Injection	PPG Automotive Coatings, Americas
Inteva Products	Pressure Systems International
IRISO U.S.A., Inc.	Rand Group Inc.
KAMX INC	Robert Bosch LLC
MacLean-Fogg Company	Schaeffler Group USA Inc.
Magna International	SEG Automotive North America
Marelli Corporation	Shape Corp.
Martinrea International Inc.	Stoneridge, Inc.
Means Industries	Superior Industries
Meritor, Inc.	Tenneco Automotive
Metro Fuel Injection	Toyoda Gosei North America Corporation
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