

**Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association**

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The Honorable Michael Pence  
Vice President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President,

The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) is the leading international trade association representing motor vehicle parts, components, and systems manufacturers.<sup>1</sup> The member companies of MEMA and its divisions would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can work more closely with the Trump administration to grow the U.S. manufacturing base.

As you know from your tenure as Governor of Indiana, motor vehicle parts suppliers are a critical part of the nation's manufacturing footprint. This industry manufactures and remanufactures parts, components, and systems for use in passenger cars and heavy duty vehicles and represents the largest manufacturing sector in the U.S., directly employing more than 871,000 Americans with over 88,000 of these workers in Indiana alone. The industry has seen a 19 percent increase in domestic employment since 2012, representing a growth rate three times that of other major sectors of the economy. Motor vehicle parts suppliers contribute more than 77 percent of the value in today's vehicles and, in 2016, suppliers announced approximately \$6.5 billion in investments in the United States.

MEMA strongly supports the administration's vision of strengthening manufacturing jobs throughout the U.S. We stand ready to actively participate in discussions about trade, tax reform, and streamlining our regulatory system. Our industry's participation in these discussions is critical.

Our point of contact is Ann Wilson, MEMA senior vice president of government affairs, at awilson@mema.org or at (202) 312-9246. We look forward to working with you and the entire Trump administration to address the priorities, opportunities, and challenges facing all Americans as well as our industry. We hope we can meet with you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

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Steve Handschuh  
President & CEO

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Doug Grimm  
Chairman

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<sup>1</sup> MEMA represents its members through four divisions: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA), and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA).

