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The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady, Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen Neal and Grassley, Ranking Members Brady and Wyden:

On behalf of America's automakers – FCA US, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors Company – we write to you today urging the swift passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). AAPC and its member companies have given their full support to USMCA because it will not only help the U.S. auto industry remain globally competitive, but it will also encourage automakers – foreign and domestic – to invest and expand here in the United States.

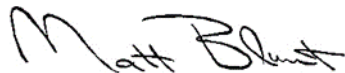
The President's decision last month to lift the tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Mexico and Canada was crucial for our automakers, as well as many lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. Last week's announcement by Speaker Pelosi on the formation of the USMCA working group was also a welcome sign, as we believe the group is comprised of Members who want to take a constructive approach to address the issues that concern Congressional Democrats. We thank you for all the work that you and your tireless staff have done to date, and we respectfully request that you renew your efforts to help resolve any remaining issues, so that Congress can approve the USMCA and make it possible for the trade pact to fulfill its full potential for U.S. automakers and our nation's economy as a whole.

AAPC member companies have already announced \$6 billion in new U.S. investments, which were driven in part by the new USMCA rule of origin requirements. Moreover, the agreement also contains strong language ensuring the acceptance of vehicles built to U.S. standards by our

trading partners, as well as groundbreaking provisions to address currency manipulation, both of which are vital to our automakers' ability to compete on a level playing field.

As your colleagues begin working together to find solutions to the issues that remain, we hope they will consider the benefits that passage of a modernized North American trade pact will bring to our industry, the jobs we support here in the United States, and America's economy generally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Blunt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "B".

Matt Blunt,
President
American Automotive Policy Council