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American Automakers and U.S. Auto Manufacturing Sector Urge Congress to Strengthen America's Supply Chains

Washington, D.C. – American Automakers Ford, GM, and Stellantis, the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and the UAW are urging Congressional leaders to support initiatives to strengthen and secure our domestic supply chains, particularly the semiconductor supply chain that increasingly poses a threat to our nation's post-pandemic recovery. In a letter sent today to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, issued the following statement:

"We enthusiastically support the President's proposal to include \$50 billion in federal funding to restore U.S. semiconductor manufacturing. Working together, our groups manufacture most of the cars, light- and heavy-duty trucks, and motor vehicle components produced by American workers in the United States.

"The U.S. motor vehicle industry – represented by these three organizations – have an outsized impact on the U.S. economy, responsible overall for 10.3 million jobs and \$650 billion in paychecks for our workers each year. As a result, we believe any legislation to fund multi-billion-dollar federal incentives to private semiconductor firms should prioritize production of the semiconductors necessary to assemble vehicles here in the United States. This will ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers have a fair share of chips needed to meet consumer demand.

"We stand ready to work with Congress, as well as other industry partners, to ensure that semiconductor incentive funding provided by the American taxpayer will benefit, not only chip makers, but also the U.S. automotive industry, our workers, and the U.S. economy generally."

A copy of the letter is available here ([Click Here](#))

The American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) represents American Automakers Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company and Stellantis. AAPC is a Washington, D.C. association representing the common public policy interests of its member companies.

The United Autoworkers International Union represents over 400,000 active members and 575,000 retirees. UAW members assemble vehicles, make vehicle parts, assemble heavy trucks and agriculture implement products. In addition, UAW members work as casino dealers, higher education workers, government workers, aerospace workers, food and beverage production and many other fields. The UAW is active in advocating for its members, working families, communities and has a long history of civil rights and human rights support.

Since 1904, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) has been the voice of the automotive and commercial vehicle supplier industry, the largest manufacturing sector in the United States. Across the entire range of new vehicle innovation—from autonomous to zero-emissions technologies—vehicle suppliers are leading the way. Our member companies conceive, design and manufacture the original equipment systems and technologies that make up two-thirds of the value in every vehicle. Member companies also supply the aftermarket with the parts that keep millions of vehicles on the road, fueling international commerce and society's need for transportation. And all of our members' work is done with a focus on public safety and the environment.

We live in a fast-paced industry and world, and MEMA is committed to making both a better place to work and live. We foster a respectful, diverse and collaborative community. We are stronger together because we promote inclusion in all aspects of the vehicle supplier industry.

MEMA is the parent organization of four affiliate associations: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), MERA – The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing, and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). MEMA has offices in Southfield, Mich., Research Triangle Park, N.C. and Washington, D.C. Learn more about our organization, our members and the great vehicle supplier community at MEMA.org.

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