



## **AAPC Welcomes Decision to Invite our North American Trade Partners into Free Trade Talks**

**Washington, D.C.** - American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) President Matt Blunt today issued the following statement on the announcements this week that Mexico and Canada will be joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Free Trade Agreement talks:

"AAPC welcomes the inclusion of Canada and Mexico into the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement, given their history of open and mutually beneficial trade practices, and specifically their history of open auto trade. As our closest neighbors, Canada and Mexico are already our largest auto trade partners.

"AAPC remains opposed to including Japan in the TPP. Mexico and Canada long ago have opened their auto market to imports just as we have here in the United States, but Japan remains the most closed auto market in the developed world.

"U.S. automakers are not alone in our concerns about Japan's unfair trade practices. European automakers have also raised serious concerns and Korean automakers have given up on efforts to sell their vehicles in Japan."

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