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## **AAPC Applauds the Launching of U.S. - EU Free Trade Agreement Negotiations**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Matt Blunt, the President of the American Automotive Policy Council, issued the following statement in response to President Obama’s call during the State of the Union address to start talks with the European Union on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

“AAPC applauds President Obama’s call for a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union. A free trade agreement with the nations of the European Union would enhance our economic relationship, which is already the largest in the world. Transatlantic investment is already directly responsible for roughly 6.8 million jobs, and a comprehensive trade agreement would lead to even more job creation on both sides of the Atlantic.

"AAPC has from the start supported the launch of formal trade talks between the U.S. and the EU to remove barriers to automotive trade and investment, with an emphasis on automotive regulatory convergence. Working with our European counterparts, we have provided our initial recommendations and going forward we plan to continue to collaborate on achieving a meaningful agreement for the automotive industries in both the U.S. and the EU. A truly comprehensive and ambitious agreement can be a win-win scenario that boosts job creation and economic growth on both sides of the Atlantic."

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