



AAPC Advocates for U.S.-EU Trade Partnership at Key Forum

WASHINGTON, D.C. – American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) President Matt Blunt today made the case on behalf of U.S. automakers in conjunction with AAPC's European counterpart, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), for a new Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the United States and member states of the European Union. Blunt delivered a presentation on behalf of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors at the U.S.-EU High-Level Regulatory Cooperation Stakeholders Forum where he discussed the significant benefits of such an agreement.

"We have an opportunity to break down regulatory barriers in the auto sector, while respecting U.S. and EU sovereignty and without sacrificing vehicle safety or environmental performance," Blunt said. "Increased auto regulatory convergence will increase trade, lower costs, create jobs and improve the international competitiveness of the industry, strengthening the automotive industry and its economic contribution in both regions."

The U.S.-EU High-Level Regulatory Cooperation Stakeholders Forum provides a setting for senior officials from all areas of the government to come together to discuss regulatory policy matters of mutual interest.

"A successful regulatory convergence effort would demonstrate the U.S. and the EU commitment to worldwide standards providing momentum for global regulatory convergence," said Blunt. "Achieving a meaningful partnership will require strong and sustained support from leaders in Washington. We encourage President Obama, lawmakers and EU authorities to move forward with this job-creating partnership."

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

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