

October 31, 2012

Mr. Daniel Mullaney
Assistant United States Trade Representative
for Europe and the Middle East
600 17th Street NW
Washington D.C., 20508

Dear Mr. Mullaney;

The American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) and its member companies -- Chrysler Group LLC, Ford Motor Company, and General Motors Company -- support the conclusion of the US-EU High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth and believe that a comprehensive transatlantic trade and investment agreement is the option that has the greatest potential for supporting jobs and promoting growth and competitiveness across the Atlantic. We call for ambitious bilateral cooperation on automotive technical regulations to be a primary objective of such an agreement, and plan to work together with the European Automobile Manufacturing Association (ACEA) on a joint proposal that aims to achieve a higher degree of transatlantic auto regulatory convergence.

Given the inherent complexity of developing sufficiently detailed recommendations and the desire to make this a joint US and EU auto industry submission, we will not be able to provide comments in response to the Federal Register Notice request for comments from stakeholders on promoting U.S.-E.U. regulatory compatibility (docket number USTR-2012-0028) by the October 31, 2012 deadline.

We will provide our submission as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will keep in touch with you and your staff on our progress. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

President, AAPC
Matt Blunt