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Dear Ambassador and Directors-General:

On behalf of the American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC) and the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), please find attached a document titled "*AAPC and ACEA Joint Submission in Support of Automotive Regulatory Harmonization in a European Union (EU)-United States (US) Trade and Investment Agreement*" outlining the shared views of the American and European automakers in support of the US-EU High Level Working Group on Jobs and Growth's (HLWG) initiative to determine if a comprehensive transatlantic trade and investment agreement would support jobs and promote growth and competitiveness on both sides of the Atlantic.

We believe that for such an agreement to be successful and commercially meaningful for our sector, it would need to address tariff and non-tariff measures, including divergences in US and EU automotive regulations. To that end, AAPC and ACEA prepared the attached joint recommendations, which outline guidelines and a framework we believe will significantly advance transatlantic auto regulatory convergence. As indicated in the attached, we plan to follow up with further input and guidance.

We respectfully request that the recommendations in the attached be considered by the HLWG, and look forward to its final report.

Sincerely,

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