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To Whom It May Concern:

Following your recent joint letter to various auto manufacturers, I wanted to respond to reiterate that our members, representing 12 international and domestic automakers, remain absolutely committed to improving fuel efficiency for our customers and for the environment. We are dedicated to continued gains in fuel efficiency and carbon reduction. No other sector in the economy is doing as much to reduce CO2 emissions. Our members are investing record amounts in a broad range of fuel efficient and electrified vehicles.

The agreement the industry reached with President Obama in 2012 set in motion a collaborative process involving NHTSA, EPA and CARB that extended regulations over a decade into the future - more than ever before.

The government made two commitments when the agreement was finalized. First, the government committed to work toward One National Program, so that the various federal and state regulatory approaches were harmonized to improve the long-term viability of the schedule. And, second, the government committed to a Midterm Review - particularly given the length of the program (through 2025). That Review was not due to conclude until April of 2018.

The CAFE and GHG targets were designed to be both directional and evidence-based. As you know, these programs are predicated on what consumers buy, rather than what we produce. We do not believe the industry, government or NGOs should prejudge the

outcome of the Midterm Review, which the Trump Administration reinstated to the original Obama timeline.

A serious, properly-timed and data-driven review is consistent with smart public policy. Earlier this year, 18 global automakers came together to support the effort to put the data-driven Mid-Term Review process back on track.

We look forward to working together to promote customer acceptance of new technologies that are rapidly entering the market. For example, the industry has introduced over 60 electrified models in the U.S. and has invested billions to provide individuals, families and businesses new mobility technologies.

We will continue to innovate aggressively and remain steadfast in our commitment to sustained environmental progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Bainwol", written in a cursive style.

Mitch Bainwol
President & CEO

