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Dear Ms. Blue:

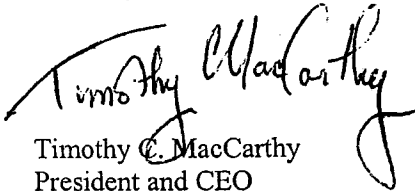
The Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc. (AIAM) is a trade association representing 14 international motor vehicle manufacturers that have invested over \$30 billion to manufacture approximately one-third of all passenger cars and light trucks produced in the United States. AIAM members directly employ nearly 100,000 Americans and generate an additional 1.7 million U.S. jobs in dealerships and supplier industries nationwide.

AIAM appreciates the opportunity to comment on the potential U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA). AIAM promotes the expansion of international trade and has supported negotiations toward that objective.

The reduction of barriers to automotive trade has led to the expansion of auto markets worldwide and benefited all consumers. Because of the global nature of automotive trade, AIAM suggests the United States look to concluding FTAs with other major auto trading nations, including Japan. Doing so would limit the possibility that any single agreement could create new distortions in automotive trade.

Given the preliminary stage of negotiations with Korea, however, AIAM will at this point refrain from articulating specific positions on issues that may arise as the talks move forward. We look forward to being a resource for your negotiating team and being kept informed as negotiations progress.

Sincerely,


Timothy C. MacCarthy
President and CEO

