

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Secretaries Bessent and Lutnick and Ambassador Greer:

We write in advance of President Trump's meeting to negotiate with President Xi on important trade matters between the United States and China. As the President works to protect the interests of U.S. manufacturers and consumers, we urge the Administration to refrain from any decision that would allow Chinese automotive and battery companies access to manufacture in the United States.

The automotive industry is a foundational piece of the U.S. economy, contributing upwards of 5 percent of U.S. GDP and generating millions of manufacturing jobs across the country. The U.S. auto industry is reaching a critical inflection point, as global dynamics and shifts in policy create opportunities for heavily subsidized Chinese automakers to gain momentum using non-market tactics. If Chinese automotive companies were granted access to manufacture and sell vehicles and batteries in the U.S., we risk decimating U.S. manufacturing, eroding global market share for U.S. auto companies, and leaving consumers and businesses exposed to serious cybersecurity and surveillance threats. This is not a winning strategy.

Recently, Chinese automotive companies have accelerated investment in North America and flooded global markets with the long-term goal of dominating market share and controlling automotive manufacturing and supply chains globally. Such investments present significant risk to the U.S. auto industry and the heavily integrated supply chains established to support our automotive industrial base, making it more imperative that the U.S. does not allow Chinese automotive and battery companies to manufacture in the U.S.

We must be clear-eyed about China's goals in expanding their automotive footprint across the globe. China's intent is not fair competition, as evident by their actions in other critical sectors. They have drastically inflated supply in their domestic auto market through unfair government subsidies and other benefits intended to artificially prop up companies, forcing them to export and expand to foreign markets at below-market prices. China's goal is not to compete in the U.S. automotive market, but instead to hollow it out and ultimately limit consumer choice to Chinese brands.

Allowing Chinese automotive and battery companies to manufacture in the U.S. would jeopardize our national security. Chinese vehicles include advanced technology systems capable of aggregating and transmitting sensitive data from U.S. citizens and companies that could be accessed and weaponized by the Chinese government. This includes information specific to the vehicle owner as well as data related to our nation's geography and infrastructure. Furthermore, the technology in today's vehicles could allow for remote access and potentially give Chinese actors control of these vehicles operating on American roads.

As negotiations with China continue to develop, we urge the Administration to reject any attempts by China to establish vehicle and battery manufacturing facilities in the United States or the broader North American market. Existing barriers to entry like the Department of Commerce’s connected vehicle rule and the Section 301 tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles are smart policies that should be maintained.

The upcoming joint review of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) presents an opportunity to further align North America’s collective national security interests by preventing non-market economies from benefiting indirectly from the agreement. Perverse investment by Chinese state-owned enterprises across the continent is designed to exploit and circumvent U.S. economic security policies at the expense of U.S. economic and national security interests. Establishing a formal foreign investment screening mechanism would help close this backdoor, protect the agreement’s integrity, and prevent further erosion of the U.S. manufacturing base.

We strongly support the Administration’s commitment to ensuring the U.S. remains the global leader in innovation and manufacturing. However, China poses a direct and immediate threat to our national security and the global competitiveness of our domestic auto industry that cannot be ignored.

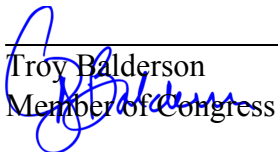
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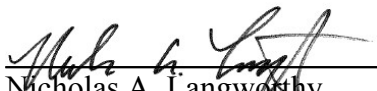
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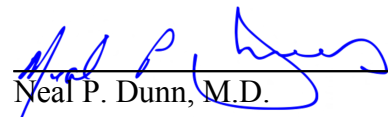
  
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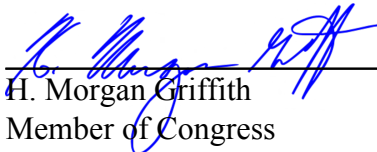

  
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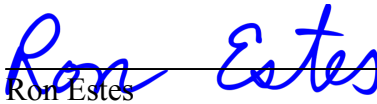
  
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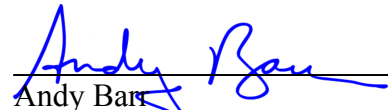
  
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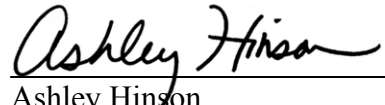
  
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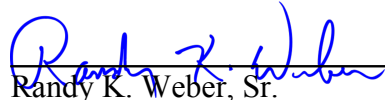
  
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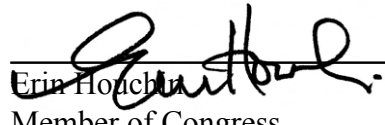
  
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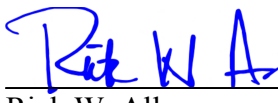
  
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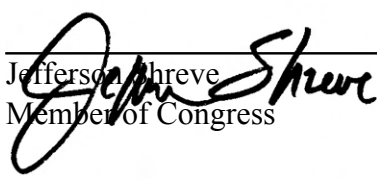
  
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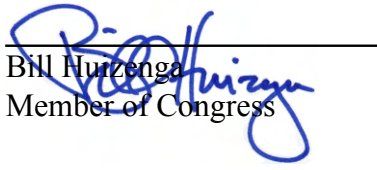
  
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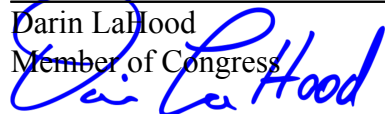
  
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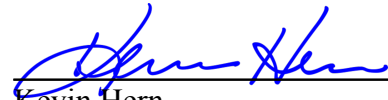
  
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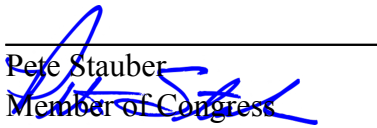
  
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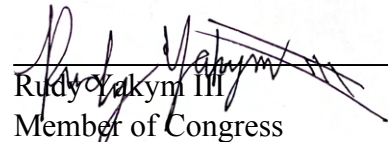
  
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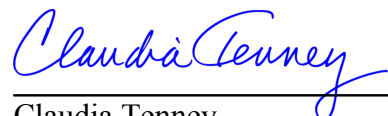
  
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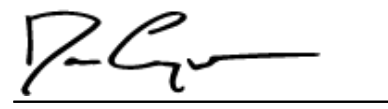
  
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