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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor, State of Michigan  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer:

Thank you for the leadership your Administration has demonstrated throughout this unparalleled period in the history of our state, nation, and global community. As we collectively continue to address and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan's automotive industry shares in your commitment to the health and safety of our workforce.

MICHauto joins the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA) and the guidance provided in their letter dated April 30, 2020 to permit a minimum period of five days for supplier operations prior to the start of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) production. As Michigan cautiously emerges from the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" guidelines and restarts economic activity, sequencing the commencement of automotive supply chain operations properly will be essential to a safe and efficient restoration of final vehicle assembly in Michigan.

While all elements of the automotive supply chain need time to thoughtfully resume operations, the supply chain must first be able to ship parts in order for OEM production to commence. Supplier firms must be up-and-running before OEMs come on-line. Unlike their OEM counterparts, many firms that comprise the automotive supply chain lack the vast resources to make the necessary production, process, and policy changes required to adapt to the new environment in short order. These firms will need additional time to make their workplaces safe for employees and positioned to ship product allowing OEMs to restart.

As Michigan's only automotive and mobility cluster association, we stand behind your priorities of keeping employees safe through a phased re-opening, appropriately controlled environments, and employee-first workplace safety protocols. The state's ability to safely prepare and mobilize our corporate citizens will be critical to the entire manufacturing community. We look forward to working with you to achieve this shared objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Stevens", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Glenn Stevens  
Executive Director, MICHauto