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Good afternoon,

The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) represents the motor vehicle supplier industry, the largest sector of manufacturing jobs in the United States, directly employing over 871,000 Americans. You can view how many jobs vehicle suppliers support in your [state here](#).

MEMA is urging that you please contact the White House on their plans to impose steep steel and aluminum tariffs, which would put American jobs -- and the nation's economic security -- at risk. Motor vehicle suppliers utilize a significant amount of the steel and aluminum products that are included in the Secretary of Commerce's Section 232 reports and many of these specialty materials and products are not available domestically. These products must be excluded from any import adjustments. Drastic tariffs will increase material costs that ultimately increase the price of the products we provide to the vehicle manufacturers. We have sent a letter to the President outlining these concerns, which you can [view here](#) and you can view our full statement on the proposed tariffs [here](#).

We urge you to contact the White House and encourage exclusions for the specialty steel and aluminum products suppliers rely on to manufacture parts, components, and systems necessary for new vehicles, and Mexico, Canada, and the European Union. The concerns to protect our national interest must be balanced with the need for access to critical specialty materials and products in order to safe-guard American manufacturing jobs.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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