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## **Auto Mayors statement on new NAFTA agreement**

The Auto Mayors congratulate Canada's negotiating team on striking a three-way Canada-U.S.-Mexico deal that supports our automotive industry.

"We understand this new trade agreement will provide a solid foundation for our auto industry to continue to build and expand," said Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, Chair of Auto Mayors. "The deal supports open new markets and encourages increased investment in, and exports of, Canadian produced vehicles and parts.

"We sincerely thank the federal government and its negotiating team. They recognize that Canada's economic future and the continued wellbeing of our communities depends on a thriving automotive sector," continued Mayor Burton. "A special thanks goes out to OEMs, parts suppliers, and Unifor for their vital support throughout the lengthy negotiations."

Under the new agreement, the Auto Mayors looks forward to working collaboratively with all levels of government and industry to ensure we maintain and grow our auto sector and the highly skilled advance manufacturing jobs that it creates.

The auto sector directly employs over 101,000 people in Ontario and indirectly supports the creation of more than 300,000 good jobs in communities nationwide.

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### **About the Auto Mayors:**

The Auto Mayors work collaboratively at the provincial and federal levels to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives to strengthen the Canadian economy by keeping the automotive sector strong as a driver of employment, innovation and productivity advances across the Canadian economy so we can afford to look after all our needs as a society such as infrastructure creation and renewal. For more information about the Auto Mayors, please visit [automayors.ca](http://automayors.ca).

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