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## **Auto Mayors say TPP must keep CANADA-U.S. auto trade rules harmonized**

In a letter to the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade, the Ontario Auto Mayors have urged the federal government to keep the automotive trade rules harmonized between Canada and the U.S. in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

“This trade agreement will have profound implications for the Ontario auto sector and by extension the Canadian economy,” Oakville’s Mayor Rob Burton, Chair of the Ontario Auto Mayors said. “A successful TPP outcome would secure the same automotive terms as the United States.”

In 1965, the Canada-US Auto Automotive Products Agreement uniquely integrated the nature of the Canada/US automotive production and supply chain. The pact was reinforced in the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and should be maintained in any future negotiations to protect the Canadian auto sector.

TPP negotiations are vital for the ongoing health of Canada’s automotive industry. Today, a successful TPP agreement for the automotive sector would protect past provisions and include aligned tariff reduction periods, appropriate rules of origin for parts and assembled vehicles and the inclusion of currency disciplines. All of which would be in equal parity with the United States, Canada’s major trading partner.

The Ontario Auto Mayors works with a coalition of auto makers, industry stakeholders, government, unions and academics to develop and implement strategies to enhance automotive investment in Canada. They continue to emphasize the need for a multi-level coordinated governmental approach to the development of a national manufacturing auto policy to protect and grow this sector.

### **About the Ontario Auto Mayors**

The Ontario 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 Ontario Auto Mayors, please visit [automayors.ca](http://automayors.ca).

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