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Auto Mayors request a copy of the TPP agreement

The Ontario's Auto Mayors have requested a copy of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement and all related side letters and agreements from the federal government immediately to evaluate the impact of the deal on the auto sector.

“Our goal is to ensure that Canada continues to have a competitive and successful auto sector that will create and sustain value-added manufacturing jobs,” Oakville’s Mayor Rob Burton, Chair of the Ontario Auto Mayors said. “Reviewing the TPP agreement and related materials in its entirety will help determine the impact of the agreement and define the federal government’s long-term strategy for the automotive sector.”

The Ontario Auto Mayors recently vocalized their concern for the federal government to secure the same automotive terms as the United States during TPP negotiations. With the finalization of this agreement, and following recent media reports, the Auto Mayors are concerned that the deal includes significant differences that could stifle the automotive sector in Canada.

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.

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