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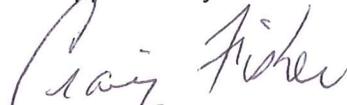
Dear Ways and Means Committee,

Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. is playing an exciting role in the transformation of the American automobile industry. Partnered with General Motors to develop new technologies to improve efficiency and lower emissions, Hitachi Automotive Systems provides electric engines for the Chevy Volt and critical components for GM's full size hybrid truck and SUV models being built in the US, including unique fuel injection systems for GM's flex fuel vehicles (capable of burning either gasoline or blended ethanol).

No one else is currently selling a hybrid full sized truck or SUV in the United States. Unlike passenger car hybrids, these models have a second, electric motor that supplies power not only at low speeds and stop-and-go traffic, but also on the highway. There is, quite literally, nothing like these two mode GM electric vehicles. Fuel economy in city driving is increased by up to 50 percent, and overall economy is increased by 25 percent.

As demand for these vehicles grows, we can shift production from Japan to the United States, creating more manufacturing jobs in Michigan, Kentucky and Georgia, where we currently employ more than 2,000 men and women. Last August, we announced a new \$74.5 million investment in Kentucky to manufacture motors that will be used for hybrid vehicles like the Volt. This will add another 130 jobs. By eliminating import taxes on unique products that we use in our manufacturing operations here in the United States, we believe the Congress can help expand the market and create more manufacturing jobs.

We appreciate your consideration,



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