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Dear Senators:

As Chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, I respectfully urge your support for the auto rescue package.

As the country's largest manufacturing sector, the automotive industry accounts for approximately 20 percent of our manufacturing GDP and close to one million jobs in America. Like many other domestic manufacturers in the auto industry supply chain, PPG Industries would face severe economic consequences if this matter is not addressed immediately.

In 2008, the auto industry provided over \$500 million in sales and provided for over 1,260 manufacturing and research and development jobs to PPG. Allowing the auto industry to collapse would put these and the more than 600,000 other jobs in the auto parts supply chain in jeopardy. The automotive industry is highly integrated and all of the automakers in America share many of the same suppliers, and a failure of one automaker could have a crippling impact on the entire supply chain and reverberate throughout the U.S. economy.

The auto industry is in dire need of relief today, and such relief should be seen as a critical component in our overall effort to restore confidence to consumers and investors, and stabilize the economy. A stable auto industry is critical to our nation's economic recovery.

Financial and market instability, an ongoing credit squeeze, and closed capital markets have drained the liquidity from automakers' operations. Auto sales have plummeted along with consumer demand and confidence, cutting back significantly on automakers' revenue. The auto industry in America cannot be sustained under these extraordinary economic conditions without additional support.

Again, please do not adjourn without providing necessary assistance to this industry. Failure to take action would create additional economic hardships to already struggling U.S. manufacturers.

Sincerely,

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