



Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
The Voice of the Motor Vehicle Supplier Industry

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The Honorable Geoff Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Davis:

The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) represents over 700 companies that manufacture and remanufacture motor vehicle parts for use in the light vehicle and heavy-duty original equipment and aftermarket industries.¹ Motor vehicle parts suppliers are the nation's largest manufacturing sector, directly employing 685,892 U.S. workers and contributing to over 3.2 million jobs across the country. On behalf of this industry, I thank you for your leadership in introducing the Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act.

MEMA believes that regulations must provide a balanced framework from which manufacturers can operate and flourish while addressing statutory requirements outlined by Congress. MEMA member companies are not opposed to regulations when applied in this manner, however the industry opposes legislating through the regulatory process. Motor vehicle parts manufacturers have worked closely with many agencies on the implementation of wide variety of rules. At the same time, MEMA often raises objections regarding proposals and the implementation of rules from agencies when the burden on manufacturers outweighs the stated policy objectives. Without appropriate regulatory policy, the global competitiveness of the United States will continue to decline and more manufacturing jobs will be lost.

The REINS Act will provide necessary congressional oversight of major regulations in order to ensure that regulations will not negatively impact job growth and the economy. Requiring an up-or-down vote by Congress on major regulations will make the legislature accountable to voters for the costs associated with the regulatory proposal.

In closing, thank you for introducing this important legislation. I look forward to working with you on this and other legislative matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Wilson
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

¹ MEMA represents its members through four affiliate associations: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA) and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). The motor vehicle parts supplier industry is a leader in developing technologies critical to making today's vehicles safer and more fuel efficient and is investing in product development to help meet future consumer demand. Suppliers also manufacture the aftermarket products necessary to repair and maintain over 247 million cars and trucks on the road today.



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