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President Obama's State of the Union Address Remarks on U.S. Trade Illustrate the Realities of Today's Global Marketplace

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WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 21, 2015 – “The Association of Global Automakers welcomes President Obama’s call for progress on key elements of his trade policy agenda, in last night’s State of the Union address. We agree with the President that this will expand the U.S. economy and create jobs.

“America will be better for it. We live in a global economy. We work in a global workforce. Free trade and sound trade agreements are not just important, they are vital to the future of American families, American workers and American competitiveness abroad.

“Auto manufacturing is at the core of both our national and global economy. Today, our members operate 26 U.S. [manufacturing facilities](#), produce over 40 percent of all motor vehicles built in America each year, and directly [employ](#) over 90,000 Americans. These companies are here for America.

“The President made clear that he understands the realities of the 21st Century global marketplace. We appreciate his willingness to work with Congress to lay a foundation on which the U.S. and our international partners can conclude trade agreements that give American consumers the best products and services available and provide American workers the job and income security they need and deserve.

“The facts have never been clearer and the need for leadership has never been more critical.”

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The Association of Global Automakers represents international motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, and other automotive-related trade associations. We work with industry leaders, legislators, and regulators to create the kind of public policy that improves vehicle safety, encourages technological innovation, and protects our planet. Our goal is to foster a competitive environment in which more vehicles are designed and built to enhance Americans’ quality of life. For more information, visit www.globalautomakers.org.