MAZDA STATEMENT ON FILING OF COMMENTS ON COMMERCE DEPARTMENT SECTION 232 INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, DC (June 28, 2018) – On behalf of the 32,000 Americans who support their families working for Mazda and Mazda dealerships across America, today we filed comments on the Commerce Department's Section 232 investigation of automotive imports as a possible national security threat. The result of this investigation could be a 25% tariff on the import of automobiles and automobile parts. A tariff is a tax and it will be paid by American consumers. It will significantly increase the cost of every new vehicle sold in America, regardless of where it is built. As Mazda begins construction of our new auto factory in Huntsville, Alabama, we urge the Commerce Department to reject the premise that auto imports are a threat to national security.

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