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*Open Letter to President Donald J. Trump
Regarding his May 21st, 2020 Ford Motor Company Tour*

Dear President Trump,

Michigan's Big 3 Automakers are sterling examples of ingenuity and innovation. I wholeheartedly agree with Governor Whitmer that the Big 3 and our autoworkers should be showcased for their efforts in responding to COVID-19 and their commitment to rebuilding our nation's economy. I hope that Ford and the UAW's cooperative efforts in protecting worker safety will serve as an example to other companies across this nation.

Our UAW workers are among the most skilled and industrious in the world. That's why protecting our businesses – and our workers – is of critical importance for our State. In light of the current global health crisis, Governor Whitmer has issued Executive Orders designed to safeguard the sustained viability of our businesses and protect the health and safety of our workers.

Executive Order 2020-91 requires that manufacturing facilities “suspend all non-essential in-person visits, including tours.” (Section 4) It also requires facilities to conduct a daily screening protocol for employees and “any other individuals entering the facility” (Section 4), and that everyone on the worksite be “kept at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible.” (Section 1) Moreover, Executive Order 2020-92 requires that any individual able to medically tolerate a facial covering wear one when in any enclosed public space. (Section 15) We know that Ford Motor Company takes the legal requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders very seriously. In fact, a spokesperson for Ford has confirmed that the company shared its safety protocols with the White House in advance of your trip.

While my Department will not act to prevent you from touring Ford's plant, I ask that while you are on tour you respect the great efforts of the men and women at Ford – and across this State – by wearing a facial covering. It is not just the policy of Ford, by virtue of the Governor's Executive Orders. It is currently the law of this State. Michigan has been hit especially hard by the virus, with more than 50,000 confirmed cases and 5,000 deaths. Therefore, we must all do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. Anyone who has potentially been recently exposed, including the President of the

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United States, has not only a legal responsibility, but also a social and moral responsibility, to take reasonable precautions to prevent further spread of the virus.

Thank you for your efforts to keep Michiganders safe.

Sincerely,



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