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Japan Auto Industry Applauds Nunnelee-Gallego Letter

Japanese Auto Manufacturers Recognized for Investment in U.S. Economy

(WASHINGTON, October 15, 2013) The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) today applauded Congressmen Alan Nunnelee (R-MS) and Pete Gallego's (D-TX) letter to President Obama that underscores the economic benefits and investment of the Japanese auto industry in the United States. The letter, signed by 79 members of Congress, commended the industry's innovative products and cutting-edge manufacturing processes.

"This letter underscores the fact that Japanese-branded auto companies are among the largest job creators in the U.S.," said Ron Bookbinder, General Director of JAMA USA. "The commitment to the U.S. market is further illustrated by recently released data showing that the Japanese auto industry in the U.S. has reached all-time record highs for U.S. parts purchased and vehicles exported from the U.S."

Recently released data from JAMA shows three distinct record highs. Japanese manufacturers purchased \$51.3 billion in U.S. automotive parts and exported 336,000 vehicles from Japanese auto plants in the U.S. in 2012 alone. The percentage of Japanese-brand vehicles sold in the U.S. that are produced in North America has reached a record high of 70 percent.

"From production to exports, parts and employment, we thank Congressmen Nunnelee and Gallego for their recognition of the Japanese auto industry's dynamic contributions to a recovering American economy," said Bookbinder. "The industry looks forward to continuing its significant economic contributions to the United States in the years to come."

A copy of the letter can be found here:

<http://gallego.house.gov/sites/gallego.house.gov/files/Investment.pdf>

JAMA is the trade association for the Japanese automobile industry representing the 14 manufacturers of passenger cars, trucks, buses and motorcycles. Learn more about the Japanese auto industry in the United States: www.jama.org

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