



Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA)

Section 332 Automobile and Automotive Parts Imports Investigation

U.S. Department of Commerce

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (“JAMA”) respectfully submits these comments in response to the May 23, 2018 announcement by the Secretary of Commerce of an investigation under Section 332 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1980 (the “Section 332 investigation”) regarding whether imports of automobiles and automotive parts into the United States threaten to impair the national security as defined in Section 332.<sup>1</sup>

**INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

JAMA is a nonprofit industry association that comprises Japan’s domestic manufacturers of passenger cars, trucks, buses and motorcycles.

JAMA members are proud to play an important role in the mutually beneficial relationship between the Japanese and U.S. automotive industries. Japanese-brand automakers have been manufacturing vehicles in the United States since 1962. JAMA members produced nearly 1.6 million vehicles in the United States and directly employ over 91,000 U.S. workers, a more than eight-fold increase over the last 30 years. Further, Japanese-brand automakers support more than 1.7 million U.S. jobs when you add indirect (e.g., supplier) jobs are

<sup>1</sup> See Notice of Request for Public Comments and Public Hearings on Section 332 National Security Investigation of Imports of Automobiles, Including Cars, SUVs, Vans and Light Trucks, and Automotive Parts, 83 Fed. Reg. 34797 (May 16, 2018).