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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Dingell:

At the request of the National Economic Council and Secretary Mary Peters, I am pleased to enclose materials pertinent to an evaluation of the President's corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) proposal, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) CAFE model output summaries, for the consideration of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality. Please note the agency has additional output from its CAFE model runs that serve as the foundation for the summaries provided here, but which contain certain confidential business information from manufacturers. I would be happy to make this confidential information available for your review on an in camera basis.

I look forward to working closely with you and the members of the Energy and Commerce Committee on legislation that would provide the authority needed to implement the President's plan for reforming and increasing CAFE standards for passenger automobiles.

Identical letters have been sent to the Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and to the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.

If you have any questions concerning this material, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Michael Harrington, NHTSA's Director of External Affairs at 202-366-2566.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

