



January 9, 2003

By Facsimile to 202-586-4403

The Honorable Spencer Abraham  
Secretary, United States Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building, Room 7A-257  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20585

Re: Alliance Response to the Business Challenge Program on Climate Change

Dear Secretary Abraham:

The members of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (Alliance) support the President's Climate Change Initiative and are pleased to enclose their commitment to the related Department of Energy (DOE) Business Challenge Program. The program implements voluntary industry commitments to report and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The Alliance is a trade association of 10 car and light truck manufacturers who account for more than 90 percent of U.S. vehicle sales. Member companies, which include BMW Group, DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Mazda, Mitsubishi Motors, Nissan, Porsche, Toyota and Volkswagen, employ more than 620,000 Americans at 250 facilities in 35 states.

Alliance member companies support a single national voluntary reporting registry under the Department of Energy. In response to the Administration's Business Challenge, Alliance member companies commit to achieve at least a 10% reduction in GHG emissions from their U. S. automotive manufacturing facilities, based on U. S. vehicle production, by 2012 from a base year of 2002. Progress toward this goal can be measured by DOE, based on members' participation in its ongoing 1605(b) registry program. Alliance members will continue to support government/industry partnerships that further the development of practical and affordable energy efficiency solutions, some of which are described in the attachment.

We look forward to working with the Department of Energy under this Program and would be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the document provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo Cooper".

Josephine S. Cooper  
President and CEO

Enclosure (1)

ccs: Donald Evans, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Norman Mineta, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Ann Veneman, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
James Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality