



September 20, 2017

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
Office of Presidential Personnel
1800 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear President Trump:

The U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association (USTMA) represents 10 major tire manufacturers that produce tires in the United States. Our industry supports 737,000 jobs, contributes nearly \$150 billion in economic output and pays \$21 billion in federal, state and local taxes. Our membership is growing as more tire manufacturers, attracted to the robust American tire market, build their first U.S. production facilities and our longstanding members either add new factories or make continued investments in existing U.S. facilities.

Safety is the number-one priority for the tire manufacturing industry. Tires are complex, technological marvels that connect vehicles to the road, and our members devote significant resources to improving safety through innovation. I know that you share this concern for improving motor vehicle safety, which is why I respectfully urge you to accelerate efforts to nominate an Administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the federal government's highway safety agency.

NHTSA's role in regulating the motor vehicle, tire and motor vehicle equipment industries requires leadership to ensure implementation of smart, efficient regulations required by Congress to ensure a competitive marketplace. In the 2015 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Congress required a number of important safety rules and others that will have a direct effect on the global competitiveness of the U.S. tire manufacturing industry.

We appreciate the opportunity afforded by your Administration to require a careful review of existing regulations that may result in a reduction of outdated, obsolete or inefficient requirements that do not advance motorist safety yet add costs that affect manufacturers' ability to compete in a global market.

We stand ready to work with your Administration and eventual nominee to advance motorist safety while promoting a competitive and successful U.S. tire manufacturing industry. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Luke", written over a horizontal line.

Anne Forristall Luke
President and CEO
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association