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JAPAN TRADE

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Now is the time for the U.S. and Japan to resolve their longstanding differences over automotive trade. We want to express our support for a negotiated agreement with the government of Japan.

The market penetration levels for foreign vehicles and auto parts in Japan remains low. By contrast, the U.S. market has a high degree of openness.

American manufacturers of cars, trucks and auto parts have significantly improved their products and strengthened efforts to sell in Japan.

Now, Japan and the U.S. have the opportunity to reach an agreement on positive, market-opening actions.

Successful automotive trade negotiations must address the major issues. Reducing trade barriers wherever they exist is important to all Americans. We are hopeful that a mutually beneficial agreement can be reached.

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