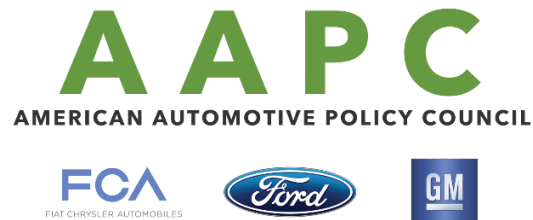


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AAPC Statement on U.S. Automakers Meeting with Vice President Pence

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Governor Matt Blunt, President of the American Automotive Policy Council (AAPC), today issued the following statement:

"We appreciate Vice President Pence taking the time to meet us and for the opportunity to continue our discussions with the Trump administration about the future of NAFTA and the U.S. auto industry.

"We view the modernization of NAFTA as an important opportunity to update the 23-year-old agreement and set the stage for an expansion of U.S. auto exports. We believe achieving inclusion of strong and enforceable currency discipline and ensuring foreign markets accept products built to our standards are important components of a modern NAFTA agreement. We also appreciate the opportunity to directly address the industry's concerns with the administration's rule of origin proposal."

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