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The Honorable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Industry
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: Implementation of the Canadian Automotive Service Information Standard

Dear Minister Clement,

On behalf of the members of our three associations we are writing to provide an update on the implementation status of the Canadian Automotive Service Information Standard (CASIS) which is scheduled to be implemented on May 1st, 2010.

Following your participation and support during the industry's signing of the CASIS in September 2009, and since the unanimous support of the CASIS in place of Bill C-273 in November 2009, our industry has been working aggressively towards the stated goal of implementing the CASIS on May 1st, 2010. We are pleased to inform you that we will meet this stated goal and that CASIS will be implemented as committed.

As you know, the CASIS is designed to provide independent automotive service and repair providers access to emissions and non-emissions-related service information, diagnostic tools, and training information in a similar fashion to that offered in the United States and similar to that of manufacturers' authorized dealers. Prior to the signing of the CASIS, roughly 50% of Canada's automotive manufacturers and distributors by market share provided the automotive aftermarket this service and repair information. Since the signing of the CASIS, several additional auto manufacturers have begun providing this information, ahead of the May 1st deadline.

The CASIS implementation progress to date has been very successful and all automotive manufacturers and distributors are working to meet this aggressive deadline with a minimum of start-up issues. However, we are confident that any issues identified will be quickly addressed under CASIS and by the respective manufacturer.

We thank you again for your continued support of our industry and the CASIS, please let any of us know if there are any outstanding questions relating to the implementation of this Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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