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## **U.S. Representatives Debbie Dingell and Haley Stevens Recognized for Their Support of the Vehicle Supplier Industry**

*The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association gives the award each year to recognize members of the House or the Senate who have worked diligently on behalf of automotive and commercial vehicle suppliers in the United States.*

June 13, 2022 – Plymouth, Mich. – Congresswomen Debbie Dingell and Haley Stevens were honored by the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) as the 2022 recipients of the Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion Award, a special recognition given to elected officials who have shown outstanding leadership on behalf of automotive and commercial vehicle suppliers.

The awards ceremony was recently held at the MAHLE Powertrain facility in Plymouth, Mich. The MAHLE Powertrain site develops advanced zero carbon and battery electric solutions for global OEMs across all markets from Automotive to Marine and Power Generation. MAHLE Powertrain is the Engineering Services arm of MAHLE, the global tier 1 supplier. The Congresswomen were also able to see the company's \$4m investment in a new Powertrain dynamometer during the visit.

"Representatives Dingell and Stevens have both worked diligently to promote the interests of our industry," said MEMA President and CEO Bill Long. "We are lucky to have them in our circle, advocating for policies that allow our industry to prosper."

Their work carries great significance within the vehicle supplier industry. The industry provides over 907,000 direct jobs in the motor vehicle parts manufacturing industry, making it the largest creator of manufacturing jobs nationwide and contribute two-thirds of the value of a new vehicle.

As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Mrs. Dingell's work on behalf of the vehicle supplier industry includes advocating for automated vehicle legislation, programs and policies to assist the motor vehicle industry's transition to a net-zero transportation fleet, and introducing legislation focused on motor vehicle technology R&D activities at the U.S. Department of Energy. The Congresswoman also led efforts to ensure the passage of the CHIPS Act language, which provides federal funding to increase domestic semiconductor chip production.

"It is truly an honor to receive the 2022 Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion Award alongside my friend, Congresswoman Haley Stevens," said Representative Debbie Dingell (MI-12). "MEMA and the supplier industry play such a critical role in the auto industry, employing generations of hardworking men and women in Michigan and contributing billions of dollars to our nation's economy. Together, we will continue to keep the United States at the forefront of innovation and technology, and ensure that we have a strong and healthy auto industry."

In the House, Congresswoman Stevens helped improve the auto rule of origin provisions of the USMCA and built Congressional support for this vital measure. She is a leading House advocate of the CHIPS Act, and its legacy chip provision for the motor vehicle and parts sector. She has an impressive track record of working across the aisle to deliver for Michigan's manufacturers supporting broad competitiveness, manufacturing and business priorities in the House and often articulating these to House leadership. As Chair of the House Science Committee Research & Technology Subcommittee, she has championed federal funding and training programs to assist the motor vehicle parts sector in its transition to an EV future.

"I am unbelievably honored to receive this recognition. I'll never stop advocating in Congress for our Michigan manufacturers and automotive suppliers," said Representative Haley Stevens (MI-11). "They are truly the backbone of the booming SE Michigan economy and are leading the industry in innovating our future."

The Industry Champion Award is presented in the memory of Joseph M. Magliochetti, a former MEMA chairman who also served as the chairman and CEO of Dana Corp. until his death in 2003. He was widely recognized as a leader and a visionary in the supplier industry, and as MEMA chairman, he left a legacy of advocacy and outreach on behalf of all vehicle suppliers.

Automotive and commercial vehicle suppliers are the largest employer of manufacturing jobs in the U.S., contributing nearly 3 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

### **About MEMA**

Since 1904, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) has been the voice of the automotive and commercial vehicle supplier industry, the largest manufacturing sector in the United States. Across the entire range of new vehicle innovation—from autonomous to zero-emissions technologies—vehicle suppliers are leading the way. Our member companies conceive, design, and manufacture the original equipment systems and technologies that make up two-thirds of the value in every vehicle. Member companies also supply the aftermarket with the parts that keep millions of vehicles on the road, fueling international commerce and meeting society's need for transportation. And all of our members' work is done with a focus on public safety and the environment.

MEMA is the parent organization of four affiliate associations: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), MERA – The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing, and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). MEMA has offices in Southfield, Mich., Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Washington, D.C. Learn more about our organization, our members, and the great vehicle supplier community at [MEMA.org](http://MEMA.org).