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Senator Todd Young (R-IN) Named Industry Champion by the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association

The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, which represents 1000 member companies, gives the award each year to recognize members of the House or the Senate who have worked diligently on behalf of motor vehicle parts manufacturers in the United States.

Madison, IN - Senator Todd Young (R-IN) was presented with the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) as a 2022 recipient of the Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion Award, a special recognition given to elected officials who have shown outstanding leadership on behalf of motor vehicle component suppliers.

The awards ceremony was held at the Grote Industries facility in Madison, IN. Grote is one of the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of vehicle lighting and safety systems. Grote has been leading the way in advanced vehicle system solutions since 1901.

"It is a pleasure to host Senator Young at Grote Industries, said Dominic Grote, President and CEO, Grote Industries. "His leadership continues to make a positive impact to the industry and the state of Indiana.

The Joseph M. Magliochetti Industry Champion Award was presented by Bill Long, President and CEO, MEMA. "Senator Young works diligently to promote our industry," said Bill Long, President and CEO, MEMA. "He is a true champion of the motor vehicle parts sector, and we are honored to recognize his efforts with this award."

Senator Todd Young is a leading manufacturing advocate and bipartisan leader in the U.S. Senate. Young's work carries great significance for the motor vehicle parts industry. An industry that provides over 907,000 direct jobs in the motor vehicle parts manufacturing industry, making it the largest creator of manufacturing jobs nationwide and contributing two-thirds of the value of a new vehicle.

"I am grateful for this recognition and the thousands of Hoosiers who work in the motor vehicle parts sector," said Senator Young. "In the Senate, I will continue to fight for policies like USICA that support domestic manufacturing and encourage American innovation."

At the instrumental Senate Finance and Commerce Committees, Senator Young has done much to advance MEMA manufacturing and competitiveness priorities. For example, he has been a leader of efforts in 2021-22 to pass the CHIPS Act, with its vital motor vehicle legacy chip provision for our industry to increase U.S. semiconductor chip production to alleviate stressed supply chains.

In fact, Senator Young was the Republican leader of the broad U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) that passed the Senate in June 2021. The bill includes the CHIPS Act, enhances supply chain resiliency, and increase funding for and R&D partnerships with manufacturers. Senator Young is working hard to get a final version of this bill passed through Congress as soon as possible in 2022.

“Senator Young is a true champion of Indiana motor vehicle parts manufacturers and their 84,000 employees,” said Long. “We are pleased to present MEMA’s 2022 Industry Champion Award to Senator Young.”

About MEMA

The Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and its four specialized divisions comprise a leading international trade association in the fast-changing mobility industry. Representing vehicle suppliers that manufacture and remanufacture components, technologies, and systems for use in passenger cars and heavy trucks, MEMA serves as a critical bridge between high-tech capabilities in new vehicles –such as autonomous vehicles and vehicle connectivity—and the “nuts and bolts” of vehicle manufacturing.

MEMA works at state, federal, and international levels to ensure that the marketplace and public policy support the development of advanced, transformative technologies that enable safer, smarter, and more efficient vehicles. MEMA’s members are represented through four divisions: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA), and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). For more information on how MEMA is leading transformation in the mobility industry, visit www.mema.org.

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