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The Hon. Daniel Andrews
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Dear Premier

I write to request you support and encourage the classification of the automotive industry as an essential service.

At this time, the people of Victoria require certainty:

- *certainty* that if they are ill, medical teams will have access to required medical supplies;
- *certainty* that they can feed their families with necessities purchased from local stores;
- *certainty* that if they are in an emergency situation – such as a fire, medical situation, or crime scene – that emergency services will be at hand to assist.

All of these essential services rely upon the automotive industry to keep them functional. Therefore, the automotive industry is an essential service itself.

Section 3 of the *Victorian Essential Services Act 1958* further states that '*essential service*' means any of the following services, namely:

- a) *transport*;
- b) *fuel*;
- c) *light*;
- d) *power*;
- e) *water*;
- f) *sewerage*;
- g) *any service (whether of a type similar to the foregoing or not) specified from time to time by order of the Governor in Council published in the Government Gazette.*

The automotive industry plays an important part in facilitating all of the above essential services mentioned in the Act. Please support and encourage the classification of the entire automotive industry as an essential service in Victoria.

The Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce has adopted the Motor Trades Association of Australia's national position on essential services, and this is attached for your information.

Kind regards

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